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● Argentina's captain, Diego Maradona, holds aloft the FIFA World Cup trophy. A pictorial tribute to Maradona appears on page 6.

Kaiser's bungle, Jorge's triumph

ARGENTINA 3 (Brown 22nd, Valdano 56th, Burruchaga 85th) WEST GERMANY 2 (Rummenigge 74th, Voeller 82nd), World Cup finals at Azteca Stadium, Mexico City. Referee: Arppi Filho (Brazil) 9. Crowd 114,500.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido 6 — Brown 9 — Cucuffo 6, Ruggeri 7, Olarticoechea 7 — Burruchaga 8, Batista 6, Enrique 7, Giusti 8 — Maradona 7, Valdano 8. Coach: Carlos Bilardo.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 4 — Barthold 7, Foerster 7, Jakobs 6, Brehme 7 — Eder 6, Matthaus 7, Mauph 4 (Hooness 61st), Bruel 7 — Rummenigge 5, Allofs 4 (Voeller 5, half time). Coach: Franz Beckenbauer.

Jorge Burruchaga, who suffered the disappointment of relinquishing a world championship in Australia in 1981, gave Argentina the 1986 World Cup by scoring five minutes from the end of a thrilling second



From KNUT WERNER

and half, while Germany's 'Kaiser' (Emperor) Franz Beckenbauer pondered the error of his ways.

Beckenbauer made a monumental mistake in using Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as a striker, ahead of Rudi Voeller, widely regarded as the outstanding forward in the West German Bundesliga.

Voeller had recovered from an injury sustained earlier in the series, and was bursting to play.

His partnership with Klaus Allofs early in the tournament had been deadly.

But for the final, Beckenbauer was guilty of senti-

mentality. He went for reputation rather than form and Germany suffered dearly. Not only did Rummenigge get hardly a kick in the first half, but he had no understanding at all with Allofs.

It was only after Voeller came on at half time that Germany became effective up front. Voeller headed the ball down to Rummenigge to push it over the line and then Voeller scored himself with a close-range header with eight minutes to go.

The score was 2-2 and extra time was a distinct possibility.

But Burruchaga was hungry. His close friend, Diego Maradona, had been cut out of the match by Lothar Matthaus, just as the Germans had nullified Michel Platini of France. Burruchaga and Maradona had supplied passed to each other to break down defences throughout the series.

In 1981 Burruchaga was in the Argentinian team that came to Australia to defend the World Youth Championship it had won in Japan two years earlier. Burruchaga scored from a penalty in the opening

round of the 1981 series, but goals by Mark Koussas and Ian Hunter gave Australia a sensational 2-1 victory.

Now, in front of 114,000 people at the Azteca, Burruchaga held his country's fate in his hands as he stormed towards goal in the 85th minute. Goalkeeper Toni Schumacher came out too late, Burruchaga slipped the ball past him and the score was 3-2.

Argentina had won the World Cup — and yet only days earlier, the world's press had carried the sensational story of how the Argentinians fixed their match against Peru during the 1978 World Cup series. Despite those allegations, Argentina and Peru remain members of FIFA, and Argentina, what's more, is the world champion.

Let's look at the type of soccer that was glorified in the world's most important game: cautious, calculating, defensive. Argentina showed much more skill and verve than Germany, but not the way it did in

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And a new player, too

● Heidelberg-Alexander captain Theo Seleznev (foreground) shows his delight in scoring against arch-rival South Melbourne Hellas, whose captain Bobby Russell (right) lifts his head to the heavens in dismay. Also pic-

tured, from left: Carl Halford, Danny Craine, Mick Valentine. Not only did Heidelberg win the big match 3-2, but it also signed a new player, Leo Gardikiotis, from Sydney Olympic. Gardikiotis used to play for Larissa in Greece. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO.



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Well done, Argentina — Beckenbauer

● From page one

1978: not the way the Germans and the Dutch did in 1974; certainly not like Brazil in 1970 — not even like Italy in 1982.

Germany, or rather Voeller, made a game of it finally by drawing level at 2-2 but this was not a great game. Argentina is a good, efficient team but not a great one and Germany, apart from lacking flair, was also let down badly by goalkeeper Schumacher. Brazil and France were the best teams of 1986, regardless of the final outcome.

Matthaus, the man detailed to pick up Maradona whenever he made a move, was the first to be hurt, suggesting that the little man was not short of close friends.

The Germans had left out a midfield runner, Rolf, and recalled Berthold to restore pace and penetration to their right wing. He it was who showed signs of breaking the early stalemate as the teams carefully sized one another up either side of the halfway line.

With Argentina looking nervous and the Germans approaching the game with their usual phlegm it was nearly 20 minutes before the studious pattern of play was interrupted. Then Brown broke up a neat piece of German passing by fouling Briegel just outside the penalty area. After the referee had ordered the free-kick to be retaken because the defenders had not retreated the proper distance, Maradona threw a tantrum and was shown the game's first yellow card.

Then Burruchaga's free-kick from the right swung away from Schumacher who was left punching thin air as the unmarked Brown headed the simplest of goals at the far post. After the way they had defended throughout the tournament it was a remarkably elementary way for the Germans to fall behind.

Now they struggled to find a higher gear as Magath and Eder consistently found themselves pressurised on the ball in midfield. As the Germans lumbered in greater numbers the more likely they were to be caught thinly covered at the back. This is precisely what happened in the 56th minute when Argentina scored their second goal.

One tight turn by Maradona near the centre circle was enough to expose the Germans completely on the left. Maradona found Enrique, whose pass released Valdano on a clear run at Schumacher. Cool finishing has not been Valdano's forte in the World Cup but now he calmly drew the goalkeeper off his line and slipped the ball past him inside the far post.

Beckenbauer promptly took off Magath and brought on the old battering ram, Hoeness — a sign, perhaps, that West Germany realised they were done for. But then it is never all over for the Germans. Two corners from Brhime on the left were all that they needed to bring the scores level with goals in the 74th and 84th minutes. First Voeller headed down into space for Rummenigge to flick the ball past Pumpido. But Berthold met the next corner at the far post and this time nodded it down for Voeller to equalise.

With the Aztec Stadium in an uproar of excitement, Argentina somehow managed to keep their heads. The next minute, with Germany fully committed to attack, Maradona sent Burruchaga clear with a pass over the halfway line. Burruchaga ran fully 50 yards to beat Schumacher, and Argentina had survived yet another of those German recoveries which in the past have so often thwarted teams on the brink of victory.

Argentina's victory meant that South American teams have now won seven of the 13 world cups. European teams have won six.

West Germany was bidding to become the first European team to win the trophy on the American continent.

It was playing in a record fifth final and lost for the second straight time after being beaten 3-1 by Italy in Spain four years ago.

Beckenbauer said: "Argentina deserved to win. It is a great time. It is not only Maradona, they have 10 other great players."

"We did everything to keep Maradona out of the game. In the second half we had to switch Mattheus into the offensive line and that's why (Karl-Heinz) Foerster took over."

"I don't think Maradona decided this game. We weren't careful and we punished ourselves with our own mistakes."

"They really had only three good shots at the goal and, unfortunately, all three were goals."

"We could have been the champions too, but I sincerely congratulate Argentina."

"When we scored the equalising goal, I felt we fully controlled the game, but the crowd noise made it impossible to shout instructions to my players. They made a mistake by not pulling back more into defence after our second goal."

"We gambled in defence in the end and we paid for it."

"We gave them a great fight, we came back to tie and we could have been the winners."

Beckenbauer said he felt the second Argentine goal was offside and said the final had not been a great one.

Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo said: "I always thought soccer was a team game and this played as a team to win the world championship."

"People in Argentina must not get used to the idea that although it is important to have individual players, the strength of the teams as a group is more important."

Goalscorer Jose Luis Brown said he was a religious person and had kissed a medal given to him by his child seconds before netting.

"I said to myself: 'I'm going to do it,' Brown said. Maradona said: 'I do not feel like the best player in the world, but just like being world champion.'"

"With this victory we have shut up those who had criticised us in Argentina."

"The team showed great spirit when Germany undeservedly tied it at 2-2."



● Argentina's Jose Luis Brown (right) who scored with a header crosses the ball under pressure from West Germany's Thomas Berthold.

France unveils new-look team

FRANCE 4 (Ferrerri 27th, Papin 43rd, Genghini 104th, Amoros pen 109th) BELGIUM 2 (Ceulemans 11th, Claesen 73rd) after extra time, play-off for third place in Puebla. Referee: George Courtney (England).

FRANCE — Rust — Bibard, Le Roux (Bossis 57h min), Battiston, Amoros — Tigana (Tuessou 84th), Ferreri, Vercruysse, Genghini — Papin, Bellone.
BELGIUM — Pfaff — Gerets, Damol, Renard (van der Elst 46th), Vervoort — Grun, Seife (L. van der Elst 84th), Mommens, Ceulemans — Veyt, Claesen.

France, presenting a face for the future, claimed third place in the World Cup when it scored twice in extra time to beat Belgium 4-2 in a lively play-off match.

France left out Michel Platini and Alain Giresse, the inspiration of its greatest years, and made seven changes from the side beaten 2-0 by West Germany in the semifinals.

The new-look side recovered from the heart-break of that second successive World Cup semifinal defeat and went one better than in 1982 when it was defeated 3-2 by Poland in the third-place match. It also finished third in 1958.

Belgium appeared to go into the match with the more earnest ambition, making only change from the eleven that started the semifinal against Argentina.

Their determination was reflected in a strong start in which they took an 11th-minute lead through Jan Ceulemans, their captain and midfielder general who once again produced the outstanding form which helped his side achieve its fine and unexpected run to the semifinals.

France hit back twice to lead 2-1 at halftime and although Belgium equalised late in the second half through Nico Claesen, it was France that proved the more durable and sealed victory in extra time.

Jean-Marc Ferreri and Jean-Pierre Papin scored in the 27th and 43rd minute for France, but it was Bernard Genghini a minute before the intervals of extra time and Manuel Amoros from the penalty spot four minutes into the second period who finally killed off the Belgian challenge.

Ceulemans gave his side its early lead when he left Amoros and big central defender Yvon Le Roux helplessly in his wake, surged into the penalty area and flicked his shot past goalkeeper Albert Rust, who was making his full international debut after his long sojourn as understudy to Joel Bats.

France hit back and equalised when winger Bruno Bellone, always a danger in attack, found Philippe Vercruysse who, whether by luck or judgement, juggled the ball on to Ferreri who buried his close-range shot firmly in the net.

Papin made amends for early lapses — most notably a golden 10th-minute chance which he drove wide from point-blank range — and put France 2-1 up in the 43rd minute when he beat Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff at the

end of a move featuring Bellone and Genghini. The stocky little striker, who played alongside Ceulemans in the Belgian first division last season, made no mistake turning on the right side inside the box as he slotted his shot home.

Belgium, however, was not to be dismissed without a fight and hauled itself back in the 73rd minute. Claesen, profiting from disarray in the French defence and the service of Grun, Leo van der Elst and Danny Veyt, provided the final touch.

That was sufficient to send the game into extra time but France, anxious to catch its evening plane back to Paris, did not allow the match to go to penalties.

Bellone beat fullback Eric Gerets and won a corner on the left in the 104th minute. His short corner found Ferreri, who relayed the ball into the goalmouth for Genghini to stab home.

After 109 minutes France put the game out of reach for Belgium. Genghini sent Amoros away box and Gerets conceded a penalty by bringing down the French player. Amoros took the kick himself, hesitating a moment as if waiting for Pfaff to commit himself, and chipping his shot into the left corner.

Maxime Bossis, 31 two days ago, making his third appearance in a World Cup final, like Platini, Patrick Battiston and Dominique Rocheteau, ended a decade of international soccer. But France could draw some consolation for the future from the performances of Ferreri and Vercruysse in midfield in the absence of Platini and Giresse.

French midfielder Luis Fernandez was suspended following his second booking of the tournament against the West Germans, while goalkeeper Joel Bats and defenders Maxime Bossis and William Ayache were also out of the opening line-up.

France repeated the procedure it followed in 1982 when it fielded a reserve side in the third-place match it lost to Poland.

Guy Thys, the long-serving Belgian manager, called on FIFA to review the penalty shoot-out system which decided three of the four World Cup quarter-finals.

The 63-year-old Thys said of the shoot-out controversy: "It's a pity three of the four quarter-finals had to end that way. I know it's not easy but I think the system has got to be looked at again."

The Belgians were one of the sides to win on penalties, beating Spain 5-4.

Thys, in charge of the Belgian side for a decade and set for a further two-year reign after extending his contract, came out strongly against the third place match immediately after his team's semi-final defeat by Argentina.

He dismissed the game as "superfluous" and, not surprisingly, was no nearer to changing his mind after the latest 120 minute marathon.

It was the third time the exhausted Belgians had gone to extra-time in the tournament and Thys said:

"Playing off for third and fourth places and going all the way to extra-time is a bit much. We could easily have stopped at the end of normal time and have declared it a draw."

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● Jean-Pierre Papin (centre) scores France's second goal against Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff. At left is Belgium's left back Patrick Vervoort.

Miss Maradona
A football-crazy English woman with a crush on Diego Maradona has changed her name to include that of the world's top player.

And for good measure 22-year-old Janiece Harris included her favourite English club first division Arsenal — when she paid a lawyer \$13 (A\$6.9) for the deed-poll switch to Jandiego Janiece Jennifer Dorothy Arsenal Maradona.

"Diego's smashing," said the new Miss Maradona, who has covered the walls of her home here with pictures of her idol. "I suppose I am obsessed with him."

Bickering

● Belgium's unexpectedly impressive run in the World Cup was accompanied by an equally unexpected amount of bickering and enmity within the squad. After their defeat in the play-off for third place, 24-year-old striker Nico Claesen accused team-mates of throwing away their chance of victory.

"There are a number of players in the side who are not professional enough. We had a chance to finish third and we let it go by," he said.

Milutinovic

● Mexico's Yugoslav-born manager Borislav Milutinovic is expected to remain in charge of the national team at least until the next World Cup in Italy in 1990. In its best ever World Cup finish, Mexico reached the quarter-finals, where it lost on penalties after extra time to West Germany. "We could not have expected a better performance and Milutinovic would be the ideal man to manage the side in Italy," a Mexican Football Federation spokesman said.

Kuwait bid

● Manuel Negrete, scorer of a spectacular goal in Mexico's 2-0 against Bulgaria, is being lured by a club from Kuwait which is apparently preparing to outbid Atletico Madrid, the Spanish side that has been talking to the 26-year-old midfielder. Negrete plays for Mexican first division side Unam.

Borghis doubt

● Claudio Borghi is having second thoughts about his lucrative move to Italy. The Argentines Juniors striker, who has already signed for AC Milan, would prefer to play in France, and said: "I'm not happy about the move. If I had my way I would rather go to Racing Paris."

A first

● Franz Beckenbauer has become the first man to captain and manage a team in a World Cup final.

Mario Zagallo, the great Brazilian winger, played in the 1958 and 1962 finals and was in charge of Brazil when it won the Jules Rimet trophy outright in 1970, but he did not have the honor of lifting the cup aloft as a victorious captain.

Beckenbauer, who does not even hold an official trainers licence in West Germany, captained West Germany to its 1974 World Cup win.

Carlos Bilardo, a qualified doctor who learned his soccer under Osvaldo Zubeldi at Estudiantes de la Plata when it won the South American Libertadores Cup three times between 1968 and 1970, provides an interesting contrast to Beckenbauer.

While the 'Kaiser' was blessed with a playing career filled with glory, wealth and popularity, Bilardo was the midfield hard man in a side that had few admirers outside the club itself.

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Wastermin Bilardo

Argentina's World Cup coach Carlos Salvador Bilardo is soccer crazy and never turns down an opportunity to watch or talk about the game he loves.

He once left home early on a Sunday morning, telling his wife Gloria to put the kettle on for the "Male" (herb tea) as he would be back shortly with croissants for breakfast.

Outside the baker's he met a friend who told him that winger he should see play would be appearing later that day in Rosario, 250 kilometres north of Buenos Aires.

Three hours later he phoned his wife to say he was in Rosario for the game.

Bilardo, a qualified doctor, will stop at nothing to talk football.

The ace in his pack, Diego Maradona, said he could not even resist it when they were watching the rock opera "Evita" in Madrid.

In one scene where six men lined up side by side at the front of the stage, Bilardo leant over to Maradona and asked him which side he would kick the ball, adding "That (defensive) wall is a man short."

At dinner afterwards, Bilardo talked tactics with Maradona using the pizza as a pitch and olives and players.

Bilardo, on one of his many visits to watch Maradona play in Europe, went running with him one day and did the full 12 kilometres. He was exhausted but still turned to Maradona afterwards and said "now we've got to work with your right foot." Maradona has a magical left foot but is ordinary with the right.

The 47-year-old coach told Maradona shortly after he took over the national team for Cesar Menotti that the 1986 World Cup finals could be his tournament.

From REX GOWAR

"Give me and the professor (physical trainer Ricardo Echeverria) 30 days and the World Cup is yours," Bilardo said.

The Mexico finals became the joint goal of Bilardo and Maradona, but it was not until the tournament began that it looked as if they had a chance.

Bilardo, an obsessive tactician, keen on hard work and set pieces, barely scraped through the qualifying round last year with an out-of-form Maradona and a team lacking personality.

When they failed to convince press and fans alike in several friendly matches ahead of the finals, criticism of Bilardo became so severe that only the intervention of Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona prevented the Government's Sports Ministry from getting Bilardo sacked.

Bilardo, with full support from Grondona and his players, pressed on. His squad was the first to arrive in Mexico almost a month before the start of the finals.

In May they worked hard on a system which Italy's coach Enzo Bearzot has termed "Europeised", with man-to-man marking in defence and a midfield which has excellent covering and can change from apparently casual passing, keeping tight control of the ball, to lightning attacks with Maradona as spearhead.

This system is ideally suited to the personnel at his disposal, with three recognised defenders, six midfielders and only one specialist striker in Jorge Valdano.

The men who won the Cup

The Argentine World Champions: GOALKEEPER

NERY PUMPIDO (River Plate, age 28, caps 22): Road accident late last year seemed to put his international career in jeopardy as he made uncharacteristic mistakes after recovery. But made first team place his own in Mexico after appearing alternately with 21-year-old reserve Luis Islas.

DEFENDERS

JOSE CUCUFFO (Velez Sarsfield, 28, 6): Late but successful addition to squad who became household name when Argentina's biggest selling magazine "humor" adopted him as a mascot because of his unusual name and jokingly demanded he be picked for the national team, never imagining this would happen.

JOSE LUIS BROWN (Nacional Medellin, Colombia, 29, 21): Wanted to quit the game last year because of club problems and was playing for Deportivo Espanol reserves, on loan from Nacional, when squad was named. Has done well replacing star Daniel Passarella.

OSCAR RUGGERI (River Plate, 24, 25): Central figure in league players' strike in 1984 over money owed by ailing Boca Juniors. Strike ended with transfer to arch-rivals River Plate. Strong defender, particularly in the air.

JULIO OLARTICOECHEA (Boca Juniors, 27, 11): Insisted when he joined Boca from River Plate that he was a midfielder and not a defender. But won place in Argentina side at left back and said: "This is where I stop messing about, it's the national team."

MIDFIELDERS

SERGIO BATISTA (Argentina Juniors, 23, 11): Tall, bearded, classy centre-half picked after campaign by press and fans following excellent season. Coach Carlos Bilardo gave him strict defensive duties but he says: "I don't always do what I'm told."

HECTOR ENRIQUE (River Plate, 23, 7): Last-minute addition to squad after playing crucial attacking midfield role in River's Argentine league title victory and despite critical outburst against Bilardo by brother Carlos, a left back with



● Jubilation against Uruguay — Jorge Valdano (rear) who scored in the final against West Germany and Pedro Pasculli who scored against Uruguay but was not selected against West Germany.

Independiente, who was offended at not being picked himself.

RICARDO GIUSTI (Independiente, 29, 33): Bilardo player par excellence, the coach once said he was the Bernd Schuster of Argentina, "a player of both areas." Began career at Newell's Old Boys alongside former international Americo Gallego and later played with Diego Maradona at Argentinos Juniors.

JORGE BURRUCHAGA (Nantes, France, 23, 40): Was with Giusti and Ricardo Bochini in the Independiente side that won the World club championship against Liverpool in 1984 before leaving for Nantes. Never popular with fickle Independiente fans who thought him a cold player with little fighting spirit.

STRIKERS

DIEGO MARADONA (Napoli, Italy, 25, 51) Bilardo would Maradona from the day he took over the national team in 1983, discussing football with the young star, sometimes in extraordinary circumstances — like over a meal, using a pizza as a pitch and olives as players' before completing the job by giving him the captaincy.

JORGE VALDANO (Real Madrid, 31, 17): Known in Spain, where has spent most of his career, as the "philosopher" because of his intelligence. Articulate and modern, he has talked of the need for an international players' union.

Top scorers

● Leading World Cup Goalscorers:

- 6 — Gary Lineker (England)
- 5 — Emilio Butragueno (Spain), Careca (Brazil), Diego Maradona (Argentina).
- 4 — Preben Elkjaer (Denmark), Sandro Altobelli (Italy), Igor Belanov (Soviet Union), Jorge Valdano (Argentina).
- 3 — Rudi Voeller (West Germany), Jesper Olsen (Denmark), Jan Ceulemans (Belgium), Nico Claessen (Belgium).
- 2 — Julio Romero (Paraguay), Ivan Yaremchuk (Soviet Union), Klaus Allofs (West Germany), Fernando Quirarte (Mexico), Roberto Cabanas (Paraguay), Asderazak Khatri (Morocco), Ramon Caldera (Spain), Yannick Stopyra (France), Enzo Scifo (Belgium), Jean-Pierre Papin (France), Josimar (Brazil), Socrates (Brazil), Michel Platini (France), Jorge Burruchaga (Argentina).

● Top scorers in the 13 world cups 1930-1986.

- 1930: Guillermo Stabile (Argentina), 8 goals, 1934: Angelo Schiaffino (Italy), Oldrich Nejedly (Czechoslovakia), Edmund Conen (Germany), 4; 1938: Leonidas (Brazil), 8; 1950: Ademir (Brazil), 7; 1954: Sandor Kocsis (Hungary), 11; 1958: Just Fontaine (France), 13; 1962: Drzen Jerkovic (Yugoslavia), 5; 1966: Eusebio (Portugal), 9; 1970: Gerd Muller (West Germany), 10; 1974: Grzegorz Lato (Poland), 7; 1978: Mario Kempes (Argentina), 6; 1982: Paolo Rossi (Italy), 6; 1986: Gary Lineker (England), 6.

Maradona: best in the world

From ROBERT WOODWARD

Ever since he made his first division debut at 16, Diego Maradona pocket-sized Argentina was destined for great things.

Three famous clubs — Boca Juniors, Barcelona and Napoli — paid out a total of well over \$US10 million (\$A15 million) for his services.

Fans in their millions turned out to watch the man with the miraculous left foot, but a mixture of injury, bad luck and petulance meant he never quite gave his all for club or country.

Until, that is, the World Cup victories over England and Belgium which took the 1978 champions into the World Cup final against West Germany.

Maradona was the heart, the meter and the executioner of his side, launching attack after attack, drifting past defenders like a ghost past blind men and treating two of the best goalkeepers in the world with almost indecent nonchalance as he scored all four goals.

"We were beaten by the best player in the world," Belgian manager Guy Thys said

after the semi-final, an opinion shared by everyone who saw the 25-year-old's performance live or on television.

History has not recorded the name of the scout who spotted Maradona playing for a youth team in Buenos Aires called "Los Cebollitas" (The Little Onions), but if he could be found he would surely be given the freedom of Argentina's capital city.

Diego was born in Lanus, part of metropolitan Buenos Aires, but he lived most of his youth in Villa Fiorito, a working class area of the capital where he spent his evenings kicking a ball around the streets with his seven brothers and sisters.

"I got my first football when I was five years old and I haven't stopped kicking one since," Maradona says.

His father, a factory worker, had to work hard to support his large brood and the family remains a very important element in the life of Maradona, who has been engaged to a young Argentine called Claudia Villafane for some years.

When he was transferred to Barcelona in 1982, Maradona brought over an entourage of 40 family members and friends. He dedicated his goals against Belgium to his mother and father.

A modest man who hates to be compared with Pele, Diego will talk proudly for hours about brothers Hugo and Lalo who are starting to make a soccer name for themselves back home.

"Hugo's the only player I'd be glad to give up my number 10 jersey for," says the curly-haired Maradona who harbours a burning ambition to return to Boca Juniors and play in the same team as his brothers.

Maradona has worn the "10" shirt — the number also associated with Pele — since he started his professional career with the unfashionable first division club Argentinos Juniors. He agreed to join them only after being persuaded that he would be wasted as an accountant, his first choice of career.

The debut of the 1.85-metre cannonball caused a sensation and it was only a matter of months before he was selected for the national side, making his debut for Argentina in a friendly against Hungary in the northern spring of 1978.

National manager Cesar Luis Menotti included him in the provisional 25-man squad for the 1978 World Cup finals. But Maradona was one of the three left out of the final Cup-winning squad, a crushing disappointment for the 17-year-old.

The young man did not

Olympic draw

Oceania qualifying groups for the 1988 Olympic soccer tournament, drawn by the International Football Federation; Preliminary round (league system).

GROUP A (in New Zealand): New Zealand, Fiji, Western Samoa.

GROUP B (in Australia): Australia, Taiwan, Papua-New Guinea.

Final round (league system) between Israel, the winner of group A, the winner of group B and the winner of a play-off between the second-place finishers of groups A and B.

The final-round group winner qualifies for the Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

The qualifying series is likely to be played in early 1988, after the Gold Cup played in Australia between former World Cup winners.

GROUP A: West Germany, Poland, Romania, Denmark, winner of Greece vs Cyprus.

GROUP B: Italy, East Germany, Portugal, Netherlands, Iceland.

GROUP C: France (holder), Hungary, Spain, Sweden, Ireland.

GROUP D: Norway, Soviet Union, Bulgaria, winner Switzerland/Liechtenstein, Turkey.

GROUP E: Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium, Finland.

Group winner qualify for Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Matches to be played between August 31, 1986 and April 30, 1988.

How they finished

● Final standings in the 1986 World Cup:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Argentina	6	1	0	14	5	12
West Germany	4	1	2	8	7	9
France	5	1	1	12	6	10
Belgium	3	1	3	12	15	7
Brazil	4	0	1	10	1	8
Mexico	3	1	1	6	2	7
Spain	3	0	2	11	4	6
England	2	1	2	7	3	5
Denmark	3	1	1	10	6	5
Soviet Union	2	1	1	12	5	5
Morocco	1	2	1	3	2	4
Italy	1	2	1	5	6	4
Paraguay	1	2	1	4	6	4
Poland	1	1	2	1	7	3
Bulgaria	0	2	2	2	6	2
Uruguay	0	2	2	2	8	2
Portugal	1	0	2	2	4	2
Hungary	1	0	2	2	9	2
Scotland	0	1	2	1	3	1
South Korea	0	1	2	4	7	1
Northern Ireland	0	1	2	2	6	1
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He cracked the whip

The fit West German team owes its strength to the rigorous regime of trainer Bertie Vogts.

Vogts, who played 96 times for the German side between 1970 and 1978, was little loved by the players when he began calling them to 8 a.m. fitness sessions including sprints, gymnastics and endurance work.

While other European teams, and even the Brazilians, wilted in the heat and smog of Mexico, West Germany showed impressive stamina.

'Pirates' blasted

The Argentine working-class tabloid 'Cronica' blasted the loss by England with a huge headline reading "R.I.P. — Malvinas 2, England 1."

The letters R.I.P. stood for "Revantamos Ingleses Pirates", or, in English, "We Blasted The English Pirates."

Malvinas is the Argentine name for the Falkland Islands, site of a brief but bloody war between Britain and Argentina in 1982. The match was the first between the two country's national soccer teams since the conflict.

Confusing

American tourists sampling soccer for the first time in Mexico felt as if they had missed out on something big.

They came to see Zico, Socrates, Muller and Caraca and instead had to put up with Arthur Antunes Coimbra, Socrates Brasileiro Sampaio de Souza Veira De Oliveira, Luis Antonio Costa and Antonio Oliveira Filho. The answer was simple enough.

The match programmes gave the full Brazilian names instead of the ones by which all the world knows them.



French midfielder Alain Giresse

Michel Platini declined to comment on his international future.

"When I know I'll let you know," he said. Team chief Henri Michel said he knew Platini had expressed the desire to quit — "but we shall see".

Central defender Maxime Bossis, who had a fine World Cup, is definitely retiring from the international scene and midfielder Alain Giresse, persuaded to postpone his retirement after the 1984 European championship, is also on the brink of departure as he nears the age of 34.

Striker Dominique Rocheteau, sadly missed in the semi-final through injury, knew that it would be his last World Cup while midfielder Jean Tigana said in the bitter disappointment of defeat there was just "a two percent

chance" that he would continue playing for France.

"It is an immense disappointment in the hearts of players who have been playing a long time together and for whom it was certainly the last big competition," Michel said.

Platini, who began his international career with Bossis in the first match of the reign of Michel Hidalgo in March 1976, drew consolation from France's victories over titleholder Italy and former champion Brazil, but added sorrowfully: "We missed the opportunity of beating Germany and reaching the final."

Bossis, 31, last Thursday but saving birthday celebrations till he returned home on Sunday, said: "I believe it's the end of a generation but it is also the beginning of a new one. Even if we missed the final we've had a fantastic run."

"Football is important but life is important too — a lot more so. I won't be having to play my bags every month and I'll have more time for my family who have had to make sacrifices. That's why I'm stopping."

Tigana said he would decide his international future in the next two or three months. "I'm 31 even if it's true that I look 26," he said but added seriously: "In four years I will no longer be there."

Michel, who took over from Hidalgo in 1984, said: "If someone had said 10 years

ago we would reach two World Cup semi-finals and win the European championship and the Olympic title, we would have said: 'and as words failed him, he tapped his head to express the irrationality of such a thought.'"

France's future lies with such men as winger Bruno Bellone, striker Yannick Stopyra and full-back William Ayache.

"We're young and we're getting better," said Ayache. "But to do better than players like Bossis, Platini, Giresse, Bats, Battiston and Genghini — that will be a big test."



Jean-Marie Pfaff is congratulated by Patrick Vervoort (left) and Nico Claessen after Belgium's victory on penalties against Spain.

Pfaff showed 'em

After an international career of more than 10 years, Jean-Marie Pfaff's Mexico hopes had been cast in doubt for a long time through multiple injuries.

He had a triple operation on stomach and groin injuries late last year and was unsure whether he could compete in soccer's premier event until a couple of months back.

"Voices went up that I was over the hill and when you're down and injured they hit you on the head. That is when you have to show character and return," he said.

"The value of an athlete is shown in the persistence of effort."

After turning professional at the late age of 28, Pfaff temporarily lost his place last season as Bayern Munich's first-choice goalkeeper but made a typical comeback and with a couple of brilliant games at the end of the season, had earned his team the league and cup double.

With equally strong performances, he has also earned the small soccer nation of Belgium unexpected success in the World Cup.

And his ambition — to become "the best goalie in the world."

MENOTTI KNOCKS ARGIES' STYLE

Cesar Luis Menotti, Argentina's former World Cup-winning coach, says he does not admire the style of the current Argentine team.

"They have a style of play which I do not like, but which serves the purpose of winning matches," said Menotti, who led Argentina to victory in Buenos Aires in 1978 and who also nurtured the early career of Diego Maradona.

"For me, it is a question of aesthetics."

"Argentina have the players with good technique and a precise touch, as usual, but they do not play my style of attacking football."

"With Maradona in the team, however, they can do great things."

Menotti also criticised the World Cup system which saw Belgium reach the semi-finals after finishing third in their opening round group and winning only two of their five matches up

to the semi-finals over 90 minutes, one of them against Iraq.

"Belgium did not merit being in the semi-finals," Menotti said.

"This system is very bad and reduces the chances of the best teams."

"Belgium were third in their group, beat the Soviet Union with two goals which I thought were offside and Spain on penalties."

"Moreover, Brazil scored 10 goals

and conceded only one but had to go out when they met France in the quarter-finals."

"Denmark played three great games and one bad one and went out, eliminated by Spain who played three bad games and one good one."

"There must be a way of changing this," Menotti added.

"More attention must be paid to the interests of the sport and not to economics or politics."

DANES WERE TOO BRITTLE

In the end Denmark's proved a brittle brilliance.

If these finals were going to be won by a nation from outside the game's mainstream, Denmark was the team most likely to do it.

So what went wrong? The moment it all went wrong was in the 44th minute against Spain when Jesper Olsen played a lazy ball back to his goalkeeper and Emilio Butragueno pounced to make the halftime score 1-1.

That goal, said Spanish Miguel Munoz, meant "I was able to change tactics for the second half."

The Spanish showed on the way to a 5-1 win that while the Danes might be brilliant flowing forward, attacking excellence is of little account when defensive qualities are required.

Sepp Piontek, Denmark's coach, said he was surprised by Spain's counter-attacks after the interval, and that "we made too many mistakes, especially in defence."

It is a sad fact that a small nation like Denmark is unlikely to have a crop of talent equal to the present one for many generations. The match against Spain may have seen the end of an all-too-brief Danish era.

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Chris Kalantzis wants to live life in the fast lane. He's got a love of fast cars and a burning desire to play in the cut-throat world of professional European football.

"I had an offer from PSV Eindhoven last year when I was in Holland with the youth team on our way to Russia for the youth finals," said Kalantzis.

"But I'd prefer to play in either West Germany or Greece. Actually Greece would be my number one choice and I'd want to join either AEK or Olympiakos."

Kalantzis no doubt has been inspired, as have many young players in Australia, with the success in Europe enjoyed by Eddie Krncevic, Jim Patikas, David Mitchell and Oscar Crino. Krncevic recently was transferred from Cercle Brugge and Belgian giant Anderlecht for \$700,000; Mitchell is with Eintracht Frankfurt in Germany's Bundesliga; Patikas already is a star in Greece while Crino, currently tied to Anorthosis in Cyprus, has had an offer from a leading Spanish club.

Kalantzis was plucked out of Olympiakos youth team by Tommy Docherty three years ago. Since then he's established himself at club and national youth level and is on the threshold of senior Soccer glory.

However, if he goes to Europe and makes it there, he may have to say goodbye to his Soccerroo chances.

Teams like Belgium and Denmark pluck players from all over Europe but strangely, top Australian players never seem to wear a Soccerroo strip after they go overseas.

That doesn't worry Kalantzis. He's got skill to burn and fair play to match. A thirst for success in Europe could see him realise his ambitions.

Morwell reunion

Morwell Falcons is keen to hear from its former players.

The club wants them to attend its 25th anniversary ball at Morwell on August 8. Former players should contact Henry Richter (051) 34 3653 or Charlie Zammit (051) 34 4361 for details.

Morton a star Scot

By PAUL MOON

Jim Morton brought with him to Brisbane Lions experience gained in 381 appearances during 12 Scottish League campaigns.

Making his senior debut at the start of the 1974-75 season on Brechin City's left wing, Morton proved his versatility, being called upon to play also as striker, left back and link-man in a team which included two other players who were later to find their way to Australia — George Caird and Joe Cairney.

It was as a goalscoring midfielder that Berwick Rangers utilised the Dundee-born player, following a \$20,000 transfer in 1978. Although wearing number six on his back, he scored 20 goals as Berwick won the 1978-79 Division Two Championship.

Another comparatively substantial sum enabled St Johnstone to secure Morton's services. There he gained a considerable reputation throughout Scotland for his skills in midfield and attack.

The highlight of his six years at St Johnstone was the First Division Championship success of 1982-83, when the "Saints" finished 10 points clear of second-placed Berwick.

This enabled the Muirton Park club to compete in the Premier Division, but its membership among Scotland's elite was to last for just one term — in which Morton made 33 appearances.

The two following seasons saw his league career goalscoring record extended to 35 goals — a figure enlarged by many penalty kicks, but still impressive when the number of games played in defence and midfield are taken into account.

Morton, who will be 30 on October 29, was an ever-present in St Johnstone's 1985-86 first team line up until his departure for Australia in March.



Chris Kalantzis

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How Platini beat France



WEST GERMANY 2 (Brehme 9th, Voeller 89th) FRANCE 0, World Cup semi-final in Guadalajara, crowd 47,500. Referee Luigi Agnolin (Italy) 8.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 8 — Brehme 8, Jakobs 8, Foerster 9, Rolff 8 — Marquardt 8, Magath 9, Eder 7, Briegel 7 — Alofs 7, Rummenigge 7 (Voeller 7, 56th). **FRANCE:** 7 — Ayache 7, Bosisio 7, Battistoni 7, Amoros 7 — Giresse 7 (Vercauteren 71st), Fernandez 7, Tigana 8, Stopyra 7, Platini 6, Bellone 6 (Kreuzer 65th).

France helped bring about its own demise by

playing Michel Platini up front rather than in midfield.

Platini runs the game for the French when he operates in midfield.

This time, the team had no rudder. And by playing in attack, he simply brought his marker, Wolfgang Rolff, with him. Rolff effectively became another centre back, and so Hans-Peter Briegel pushed up on the left.

Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's manager, said: "Getting into the semi-final was a great feat. Then, to have delivered such a super game to reach the final, I'm almost at a loss for words. German soccer

can be proud of this team. Our soccer mentality is different from the French, not as beautiful but efficient, and that paid off.

"Finally we played like a team. Everybody runs for everybody else and only by playing like that can you reach the final."

"The team gave it all and the duel with Platini was clearly won by Wolfgang Rolff."

Rolff said: "We didn't seem to be able to do anything wrong today. For me, things went splendidly against Platini. I'm very happy."

Karl-Heinz Foerster said: "The early lead was very important after that we were able to build up our game from behind. I'm ecstatic because we won deservedly. It was a super game."

Beckenbauer said: "We had chances in the first half but in the second half the French kept pressure on us. We were lucky not to concede a goal."

He said the only way to play a team like France with a super star like Platini was to mark closely.

"That's our style," he said. "The Brazilians don't need to do that."

But we Germans have to play our game. We have to mark closely. That's our character, our mentality."

"We planned well in advance how we would cope with Michel Platini because he is a superstar, but we also successfully closed down their other midfielders."

"Basically our plan to crowd midfield and harry the French worked well. France came at us hard in the second half and I honestly thought the equaliser was on the way."

"But our discipline, very much a part of the German mentality, was strong and it neutralised them."

French boss Henri Michel said his team's defeat probably spelled the end of the most successful team in French soccer history.

Many of the squad, which over the past four years has won the European championship and reached the World Cup semi-finals, are nearing the end of their careers and could be replaced by younger players by the European championship finals in 1988.



● Andreas Brehme — scored the first goal.

"It's a huge disappointment in the hearts of some players who have played together for such a long time and for whom this was certainly the last big competition," Michel said.

"I feel extremely sorry for them that they could not go through into the final."

"I have no reproaches to make to my players."

"We seemed a little less fresh but we deserved to equalise and even to score more goals."

"Letting in the early goal was a hard setback."

"But after our early problems we started creating chances but unfortunately without success."

Midfield Luis Fernandez expressed the sadness felt by the whole side after the German's 2-0 victory. "It's hard to swallow. I can't talk about it now."

Michel took over in 1984 from Michel Hidalgo after leading the French amateur side to the Los Angeles Olympic title.

"For a group of the lads that was their last big international

match and I was desperately hoping that it would all end in glory," he said, referring no doubt to Jean Tigana, Alain Giresse, Maxime Bossis and possibly their team captain Michel Platini, all of whom are in their thirties.

"These players gave everything for the team. They were tired after a marathon match against Brazil and I can find nothing to criticise."

"I'll admit we were a bit stale, but created enough chances to equalise."

And so West Germany reached the World Cup final for the fifth time in nine tournaments — a record feat.

As a spectacle, the game was a pale imitation of their epic semi-final in Spain four years ago when West Germany came from 3-1 behind in extra time to win on penalties.

Though the Germans remain a team designed to succeed rather than excite, they won more comprehensively than the scoreline suggests with goals from Andreas Brehme, in the ninth minute, courtesy of a goalkeeping error by Joel Bats, and Rudi Voeller with the last kick of the game.

France, which had earned genuine affection for its cavalier approach to football, suddenly found itself bereft of inspiration and showed the obvious effect of its physically and mentally draining quarter-final victory over Brazil.

With a jaded Platini largely anonymous and swashbuckling striker Dominique Rocheteau sidelined through injury, France lacked its traditional invention and flair and the 1954 and 1974 World Champions won with disappointing ease.

Just four days after he became the hero of all France for his saves in the penalty shoot-out victory over Brazil, Bats fell from grace when he presented the Germans with a gift-wrapped opening goal.

West Germany won a free kick on the right hand corner of the penalty area and Felix Magath tapped the ball to Brehme who tried a speculative low shot which, although it took a slight deflection, appeared to carry little threat.

Bats looked to have the ball covered but he inexplicably allowed it to squirm from his fingers and roll agonisingly across the line.

But France had good reason



● Michel Platini jumps over a tackle. He should have played in midfield.

to thank Bats during an uncomfortable first half in which the goalkeeper produced a series of fine saves to deny Lothar Matthaeus, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Wolfgang Rolff and Magath as the West Germans unlocked the French defence with embarrassing ease.

The French defenders looked as though they had never been formally introduced to one another and their utter confusion almost led to total disaster in the five minutes leading up to the interval but both Rummenigge and Norbert Eder squandered golden opportunities.

Indeed, the West Germans had to wait until injury time at the end of the match to score their second goal when

Voeller outpaced the exhausted French defence to lob a long through pass over the head of Bats, run back onto the ball and slot it into the empty net.

West Germany's controversial goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, who shattered French sweeper Patrick Battistoni's jaw during the 1982 semi-final in Seville, enjoyed a trouble-free first hour but he was forced into action in the closing stages as France launched a series of desperate attacks.

Germany got great service once more from central defender Karl-Heinz Foerster, while midfielder Felix Magath produced his best performance yet.



● Goalkeeper Toni Schumacher falls to his knees in triumph as the match ends.

Linesmen wreck Belgium

ARGENTINA 2 (Maradona 51st & 62nd) BELGIUM 0, World Cup semi-final in Mexico City. Referee: Antonio Marquez (Mexico) 7. Crowd: 110,420.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido 8 — Brown 8 — Ruggeri 7, Cuffio 6, Clariceochea 8, Baruchaga 8 (Bocchini 84th), Batista 7, Enrique 8, Guisti 7 — Valdano 6, Maradona 10.

BELGIUM: Pfaff 7 — Renquin 8 (Desmet 5, 53rd) — Gerets 8, de Mol 8, Grun 8, Vervoort 8 — Scifo 6, Ceulemans 7, Vercauteren 8 — Claessen 8, Veyt 6.

Belgium's World Cup hopes were dashed, not only by Diego Maradona, but also by the linesmen.

They ruled outside two Belgian breakaways that clearly were legitimate.

Belgium bases its entire game on the breakaway attack, so the linesmen's decisions effectively made the Belgians impotent.

On both occasions a man was through, with the Argentinian defender stranded, both moves surely would have produced goals.

When they didn't Argentina sighed in relief, and Maradona did the rest.

Displaying majestic skills and exhilarating change of pace, Maradona scored twice in the second half.

The brilliant Maradona, who also scored twice in Argentina's quarter-final, beat the Belgian defence in the 52nd and 63rd minutes, each goal the products of his sublime close control and deadly scoring instinct.

By the end, the Belgian defence was reduced to shirt-tugging, pushing and body checks to subdue Maradona, as he turned provider for his teammates.

As he left the field, Maradona received a standing ovation.

Shirless, he leapt for joy before running down the players' tunnel.

Victory clinched Argentina's third World Cup final appearance.

In 1938 they lost 4-2 to Uruguay, but in 1978 they beat the Netherlands 3-1 after extra time.

In front of a near-capacity crowd on an overcast afternoon, the chunky Maradona dominated the match but received valuable support from midfielders Hector Enrique and Sergio Batista, whose physical commitment and mobility in Argentina's fluid build-ups aided and outwitted Belgium's resistance.

The Europeans, who were making their first appearance in the semi-finals, provided spirited opposition, particularly once they had drawn the sting from Argentina's opening assault. For short spells either side of the interval, Belgium was even in control. But, then Maradona intervened.

He had given an early warning of his intentions in the ninth minute when he produced a searing 25-metre volley which Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff could only parry. The ball fell to Jorge Valdano but the striker used his arm to tuck it into the net.

Belgium fought its way back into the game, but was unable to open the Argentine defence on more than one occasion.

This came in the 21st minute when Georges Grun shot poorly and wide after Daniel Veyt had headed down a cross from the tireless Franky Vercauteren.

Veyt and Valdano were both cautioned for disputing decisions by 50-year-old Mexican referee Antonio Marquez before Maradona swept Argentina ahead.

He opened the scoring when he ran onto an oblique pass in the penalty area from Enrique. Receiving the ball to the right of goal, he accelerated past two defenders and slanted a perfectly weighted shot across

the advancing Pfaff and inside the far post.

Maradona's second came 11 minutes later. This time he gained possession in midfield and outpaced three defenders on a direct run with the ball seemingly tied to his boot-laces. Pfaff came out but Maradona swerved wide of him and rolled the ball calmly into the goal.

In between these goals, Belgium's best chance was wasted by Nico Claessen. He was taken by surprise when Georges Grun drove a diagonal cross into the goal area and could do no more than divert it high over the bar.



The best goals

● Diego Maradona is to be honored with a plaque in Mexico City's Aztec Stadium commemorating the brilliant second goal he scored against England in their quarter-final.

"I will commemorate 'the most extraordinary piece of play' of the 1986 World Cup. Mexican midfielder player Manuel Negrete has been honored with a plaque commemorating 'the most beautiful goal' of the Cup — the dramatic flying scissor kick he hit in Mexico's match against Bulgaria in the Aztec Stadium on June 15 (see picture above)."

De Mol: a star is born

Stephane De Mol, Belgium's young defender, nearly missed the trip to Mexico.

Yet suddenly he was the pillar of his country's surprising World Cup challenge.

Coach Guy Thys described De Mol, who had won only one cap before the finals, as "Belgium's biggest talent in years."

RSC Anderlecht, fearing transfer trouble as the 20-year-old tried to leave for Mexico without prolonging his contract, wanted to stop him joining the World Cup squad.

Club coach Arie Haan, himself a veteran of the Dutch team which finished second in the 1974 and 1978 cups, eventually allowed the fast, resourceful De Mol to leave

after he signed on for a further year.

Belgium's experienced goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff said De Mol's most surprising feature was his maturity.

"I have never seen anyone with such a developed talent at such a young age. He is cool and well-versed in the tricks of the trade."

Pfaff would like to see De Mol join him at Bayern Munich, but De Mol said he would serve out his contract with his club despite three other offers.

Haan said Bayern could not afford him. "De Mol is not for sale. Not even the German league and cup champions have enough money to buy him."

De Mol's talent is based on awesome athletic strength as well as old-fashioned ball control.

He is not afraid to push forward into scoring positions as he showed when heading Belgium into the lead in extra time in the second-round win over the Soviet Union.

De Mol was confident of Belgium's chances against Argentina in the semi-final.

"We are outsiders, but a side which has beaten the Soviet Union and Spain has a chance even against the team of (Diego) Maradona, as long as we don't commit the fatal mistake of playing offensively," he said before the game.

"Belgium will be in turmoil when we return."

"We were only expected to reach the second round, and now we are one of the best teams in the world."

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Shootout makes World Cup a joke



LES MURRAY

FIFA must, in order that the global game doesn't become the global joke, do away immediately with penalty shoot-outs in the World Cup.

That such a lottery should be part of international football is bad enough. That it should decide no less than three of the semi-finalists in a 24-team, month-long, quadrennial tournament is simply inexcusable.

As I write Brazil, Spain and Mexico are brooding, sitting among their packed suitcases lamenting the injustice, wondering why they deserved to go.

And they didn't. Fair enough, perhaps they didn't deserve to win either. But given the way their opponents had "won" their matches, who did? And what under such rules, did "deserve" have to do with the price of fish?

Of those three quarter finals, so unjustly decided, it was the result of the Brazil-France game which incensed me most. There was no justice in it, I thought, so I went back to the tape and took some match statistics.

I felt after the game had ended that the Brazilians had the better of it, that they had created more of the chances and — goals apart — they should have won.

The statistics proved that. There were a total of 21 clear, created scoring chances over the 120 minutes. They were, I emphasise, created chances, not accidental ones of which there were only four.

France's goal, for instance, because the ball was deflected into the path of Platini, was an "accidental" chance.

"Created" chances were ones where the opposing defence had been checkmated either by inter-passing or individual brilliance.

Brazil had 15 of those created chances, France 6. Brazil was the more offensive and had out-thought the French by more than double.

Brazil took 21 shots at goal, France 10. France took 10 goal kicks, Brazil just five. In every way, where statistics can prove anything, the testimony is that Brazil was the better team.

Curiously, in the amount of forced corners, France had the upper hand. France forced eight while Brazil forced six. But that, watching the pattern of the game a second time, was clearly because of France's reliance on the quick break.

Zico will always be a loser

Men like Zico, Falcao, Socrates and Junior may never again tread the World Cup stage and for Brazilians that means there will be no place for them in the nation's footballing hall of fame.

"Unfortunately, in Brazil, all that matters in the World Cup is the championship title," midfielder Falcao said. "Under that philosophy, whatever we may have done here in Mexico will never be considered an accomplishment."

Perhaps Zico is the saddest failure, a man of towering ability who was included in Brazil's squad for these finals despite a knee injury.

He made only fleeting appearances as a substitute, including one in Brazil's losing quarter-final against France when he missed a penalty.

"So far as the World Cup is concerned, Zico will always be regarded as a loser," said one veteran Brazilian journalist.

Tele Santana, the coach held responsible for reviving the brilliance of Brazilian football, has stepped down after his country's failures here and in Spain four years ago when he was also in charge.

Santana felt the quality of the next generation of Brazilians was excellent. He mentioned Josimar, Julio Cesar, Elzo, Branco, Alemão, Silas, Muller, Careca, Casagrande, Edivaldo, Valdo and Mauro Galvão.

"It is important that they stay in Brazil," Santana said.

"Once they are sold to foreign clubs, it's bad for our soccer because they lose contact with our style of play."

Brazil would, as a rule, stroll forward with its precision game, an attack would break down and the French would break quickly, causing the Brazilians to scurry back and intercept a cross or a pass in the nick of time to give away a corner.

Brazil of course managed only one goal. It missed plenty, including that Zico penalty, and for that teams always get punished. And it is possible, as the Danes knew after their game against Spain, that you can lose and you can deserve to lose, to a team relying largely on the counter-attack.

But that is now how Brazil lost. It lost, if you are prepared to be kind, because one French ball in the shoot-out hit the post, bounced back into the shoulder of the keeper and ricocheted in.

Or because Julio Cesar, the big centre back, was about three centimetres off target when he hit the post with the last Brazilian kick.

And it's not the way Spain and Mexico lost either. But they were all out of the World Cup, four years of preparations and expectations wasted. There were three national calamities because of the shootout lottery, because of the expediency, not untypical of FIFA nor of UEFA which first came up with the penalty shoot-out absurdity.

The penalty shoot-out after extra time was invented primarily for the European tournaments where, because of Europe's congested club program, a replay was difficult or near impossible.

In the case of those soul-destrating games in Mexico, there were three clear and unoccupied days between the quarter finals and the semi finals.

Each of those games could have been replayed comfortably and they should have been.

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BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Ainsworth, Thornthwaite)
CANBERRA OLYMPIANS 1 (Phillips) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 760.

BLACKTOWN: Curtis 8 — Willis 8, Ainsworth 9, Denyer 7, Knight 7 — Kay 7, Byrne 7, Sandy 8 — Carroll 8, Slater 7 (Bradley 69th). Thornthwaite 8, Coach Casey de Brum.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos 7 — Dunn 7, Burke 6, Byrne 7, Bryant 7 — Germann 8, Cant 7, Hamilton 8 (Junna 80th). Palacios 8 — Gibson 7, Phillips 6.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Ainsworth (BL), 5 Thornthwaite (BL), 4 Palacios (C), 3 Carroll (BL), 2 Sandy (BL), 1 Germann (BL).

INTER MONARO 1 (Carbone 7th pen) **APIA LEICHHARDT 1** (Baran 23rd) at Siefert Oval. Crowd: 364.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski 7 — Tullawa 7, Titilas 7, Budni 8, Williams 7 — Djordjević 7 (Brennan 52, 6, Carbone 7, Ambrosio 6, Walsh 7 — Petrovic 6, D'Addario 6 (Wolterspoorn 70th)).

APIA: Pezanzo 7 — Bozanic 7, Bertonga 7, Brown 7, Hristovski 6 — Bundalo 7, Stewart 7, Baran 8 (Turnbull 76th). Butler 6 — Lorens 7, Parison 8.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Baran (APIA), 5 Budni (Int Mon), 4 Parison (APIA), 34 Bozanic (APIA), 2 Titilas (Int Mon), 1 Lorens (APIA).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Stosic 40th) **ADELAIDE CITY SCOUTS 0** at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3824.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic 10 — Petrovski 7, Karic 7, Vukcevic 5, Belic 7 — Stosic 7, Tapai 7, Curuvic 7 (Brkic 89th). Spink 7 (Atanasovski 65th) — Latif 6, Lujic 6. Coach: Dragoslay Scutelar.

ADELAIDE CITY SCOUTS: Nisicli 8 — Nyskhos 8 — Hggins 8, Shilabeer 7, Tobin 8 — Vidmar 7, Villani 8, Santac 8, Mehta 8 — Maxwell 5 (Wide 7th). Mullen 8. Coach: Zoran Matic.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Nikitovic (JUST), 5 Tobin (SC), 4 Mullen (AC), 3 Mehta (AC), 2 Nisicli (AC), 1 Villani (AC).

GREEN GULLY 0 **GEORGE CROSS 1** (Bain 18th) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 1405.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 — Hobbs 6, McLelland 6, Cannell 6, Douglas 6 — Barichello 5 (Theodosopoulos 57th). Carter 6, Fraser 7, Campbell 6 — Cumming 6, Ward 7. Coach: Gus Mieleod.

GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 8 — James 7, Richardson 6, Parson 7, Campbell 8 — Bain 6, MacLaren 7, Faulkner 6, Markovski 6 (Innes 80th) — Gilder 6, Lennon 6. Coach: John Gardner.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Keogh (GC), 5 Campbell (GC), 4 James (GC), 3 Ward (GG), 2 MacLaren (GC), 1 Fraser (GC).

ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Ward 62nd) **BRISBANE CITY 1** (Mengotti 78th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8 — Brown 7, Dunn 8, Honey-

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man 7, Yankos 8 — Hristodoulou 9, Manou 7, Panagis 6, Genikas 8 — Konstantopoulos 8 (Papadopoulos 75th). Ward 7. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

BRISBANE CITY: Haggard 8 — Mengotti 7, Vasquez 6, Perry 8, Guglielmino 7 — Fabrizio 6, Caird 7, Catalano 6 (Letliff 54th, Archer for Letliff 69th). Bromfield 6 — Cooper 6, Res 7, Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Hristodoulou (AH), 5 Harrison (BC), 4 Konstantopoulos (AH), 3 Dunn (AH), 2 Vasquez (BC), 1 Genikas (AH).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 3 (Deligiannis 27th, Selemidis 73rd, Wilson 89th) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2** (McDowall 34th, Stevenson 79th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 8250.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 (in) Valentine 37th, 7 — McKie 7, Hunter 8, Selemidis 9, Katsakidis 7 — Kanesoulis 8, Marley 7, Luchez 7, Tsolakis 8 — Wilson 7, Deligiannis 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Blair 8, McDowall 7, Postecoglou 7 — Nicolaidis 7, Miranda 6, Halford 8, Murphy 7 (in) Stevenson 51st — Cranine 7, Davidson 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 8 Selemidis (HA), 5 Hunter (HA), 4 Blair (SMH), 3 Kanesoulis (HA), 2 Tsolakis (HA), 1 Halford (SMH).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (own goal — Dobson) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1** (Heys 76th) at Richlands. Crowd: 1281.

LIONS: Farrow 6 — Bassingthwaite 5, Liddell 6, Armit 7, Jackson 8 — J. Stewart 7, R. Stewart 9, Ogden 8 — Wright 7, Richardson 6, Morton 6 (McGregor 70th). Coach: Col Bennett.

MAKEDONIA: Trainees 8 — Roodhouse 5, Dobson 6, Opatos 5, McLennan 5 — Cole 5 (Petrov 57th) — Necovski 5 (van Eyndam), Smith 6, Lane 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 R Stewart (BL), 5 Trainees (MAK), 4 Jackson (BL), 3 Ogden (BL), 2 Armit (BL), 1 Heys (MAK).

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS 2 (E. Campbell 8th, B. Brown penalty) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 2** (Paul Lewis 36th, Biskic 54th) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: 1862.

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS: Banovic 6 — Vesnaver 6, Yzendorn 6, B. Brown 6, E. Campbell 5 — Palatides 5, Petersen 6, Wade 7, Cullen 5 — Sweeney 6 (Incalantou 70th). Patterson 5, Coach: Len McKendry.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: R. R. R. — Curcio 6 (in) Talac 89th, Hannah 7, McIntosh 6, Redmond 5 — Biskic 7, Bonacic 6, J. Campbell 6, Cristaldo 5 — Markovic 6, Paul Lewis 6. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 E. Campbell (BJ), 5 Banovic (BJ), 4 B. Brown (BJ), 3 Palatides (BJ), 2 Petersen (BJ), 1 Curcio (MC).

Man of the match:
Scott Ollerenshaw
(St George)

St George 0
Syd Croatia 0
Venue: St George Stadium
Crowd: 4115
Referee: Richard Lorenc 5

Emotions were running very, very high in the Budapest locker room after the final whistle in a match which the Hungarian club should have won, but didn't.

The club's coaches, players and officials were uniformly scathing in their assessment of the "performance" of the referee, the opposition and the opposition's supporters.

Coach Frank Arok summed it all up by claiming that referee Richard Lorenc, who also controlled the first round clash between the two sides, has caused his club to miss out on no less than three competition points in the two matches.

"In the first match he allowed two illegal goals by Croatia, one scored after a push by Jurin on one of our defenders and the other when several of their players were glaringly off-side," a seething Arok alleged.

"So what happened today? Sken scores from about 30 metres with a high shot into their net and he disallows it for alleged off-side in a situation when none of our players could possibly have interfered or disgraced the goalkeeper."

He was backed up in his comments by bitter Budapest officials, players and supporters, who were also up in arms following an attack by more than half a dozen men alleged to be supporters of Croatia, on Budapest reserve team member Mike Boogaard and his wife.

Boogaard was punched and kicked by his attackers on the "hill", while his wife, who is 32 weeks pregnant, was chased, jostled and elbowed by the same mob.

The couple was eventually protected by members of the police and Mrs Boogaard received attention from St George physician Dr Henke, who later said the elbowing narrowly missed the baby, due in just a few weeks.

"What sort of human being will attack a woman, and a pregnant one at that?" asked Budapest assistant coach Frank Lang.

The unsavoury and controversial incidents could not disguise the simple fact that Budapest was easily the better side on the day.

Its forward line, especially a skilful and deceptive Cotton and a hard-as-nails Ollerenshaw, who was almost impossible to separate from the ball, caused untold trouble in the Croatia defence.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Hristodoulou (AH), 5 Yzendorn (BL), 4 Biskic (MC), 3 Wade (BJ), 2 Paul Lewis (MC), 1 Curcio (MC).

CANTERBURY 1 (Hantzis 44th) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1** (Phillips 15th) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 6600.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 8 — Akoutas 7, Radman 7, Haniois 8, Svinos 7 — Hantzis 8 — Zaimi 7, Zinic 6, Godzik 7 — Bozanic 7 (Jabran 89th). Lucato 8. Coach: Don Kapetanovic.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Rogers 7, Godzik 7, Dakos 7, Spanoudakis 6 (Patalis 46th 5) — Phillips 6, Raskopoulos 6, Estavillo 7 — Soper 5 (Brandt 78th), Katholos 6, Johnston 6. Coach: Manfred Schaffer.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Hantzis (CM), 5 Hummel (CM), 4 Godzy (SO), 3 Estavillo (SO), 2 Svinos (CM), 1 Zaimi (CM).

MARCONI 1 (Brown 84th) **WOLLONGONG CITY 0** at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1672.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7 (Janin 64th — 5), Henderson 9, Stierley 7, Wheatley 8 — Tredinnick 6, Mason 6, Gray 6 (Jankovics 64th — 5) — Brown 6, Lowe 7, El Ali 7. Coach: Les Schenling.

WOLLONGONG: Young 9 — Green 7, Vilestia 8, Morlando 7, Chibly 7 — Gaffney 6, Rivero 6 (Stefanovski 75th), Arcoisa 5, Girald 7 — Brodnik 5 (Batten 74th), Kotamandis 6. Coach: John Fleming.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Henderson (M), 5 Young (WV), 4 Wheatley (M), 3 Vilestia (W), 2 El Ali (M), 1 Green (W).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 **SYDNEY CROATIA 0** at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4115.

BUDAPEST: Gibson 7 — Sken 8, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 8 — J. O'Shea 7, Ricoy 8, Porter 8 — Cotton 8, Fletcher 7, Ollerenshaw 8. Coach: Frank Arok.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 8 — Savor 7, Rumora 7, Rozic 6, Jennings 6 — Rezo 6, Odzakovic 6, Clinch 6 — Dragovic 5 (M. Kovacic 46th 6), Arnold 6, Lamond 5 (Petkovic 71st). Coach: Vedran Rozic.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Ollerenshaw, 5 Cotton, 4 Sken, 3 Ratcliffe (all BL), 2 Watson (C), 1 Porter (BL).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 5 (37th Cavanagh, 56th Jones, 68th Ingham, 70th Jones, 80th Ingham) **SYDNEY CITY 1** (66th Kosmina penalty) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1872.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: Gosling 7 — Mirosevic 6, Owens 7, Bannan 8, Garland 8 — Naumov 7 (87th Heap), Maier 8, Crabtree 7, Cavanagh 8 — Jones 7, Ingham 8. Coach: Peter Irving.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: McPherson 4 — Gomez 7, O'Connor 6, Robertson 6 — Lee 8, Watson 5, Barnes 6, De Mangry (60th Saad 7), McCulloch 7 — Farnie 6, Kosmina 6. Coach: Eddie Thompson.

Best six for Ametco Travel Player of the Year award: 6 Cavanagh (N), 5 Maier (N), 4 Ingham (N), 3 Lee (SC), 2 Bannan (N), 1 Jones (N).

Man of the match:
Peter Scott

Boogaard and wife attacked as St George hods Croatia

In the midfield, Ricoy was full of punch and verve. Porter lent an element of skill and subterfuge to the line and they were ably backed up by the grafting of John O'Shea.

As for the last line of defence, Sken was impregnable as well as "scoring" what could have been the match-winner. Ratcliffe was well, Ratcliffe at his very best, and they were given solid support by the last two of the O'Shea 7 troika.

As against this, Croatia's big guns were subdued, bunted and neutralised. Up front Arnold and Lamond were bottled up completely, while midfield maestro Odzakovic never had a chance to live up to his big reputation. Clinch was ineffective, and Rezo was completely out of his depth.

The Croatia defence was very often at sixes and sevens, as recognised by captain-coach Rozic who brought on an extra defender at half time, abandoning his two front runners to their unenviable fate.

In the aftermath, Croatia should indulge in some soul-searching about the team's performance and about the return of a section of its supporters who could have been quite easily identified by their supremely disinterested officials — to their bad old ways. The NSL could start some serious examination of the refereeing situation in the Northern Division, something we have had occasion to comment on a number of times this season.

As for St George Budapest, it is a case of what might have been, but bitter disappointment should not cloud their judgement. Comfort should be taken from the rejuvenation which has taken place in the

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F'SCRAY JUST	9	1	2	19	16	19
BRUNSWICK JUVENUS	6	4	2	20	6	16
ADEL C JUVENTUS	5	5	2	18	10	15
S'HHINE GEO. CROSS	4	6	2	13	10	14
H'BERG. ALEXANDER	5	4	3	16	15	14
S. Melb. Hellas	6	1	5	18	12	13
Preston-Makedonia	4	5	3	14	9	13
Br. Lions	3	3	6	12	13	9
Adel. Hellas	4	1	7	12	18	9
Br. City	2	5	5	13	26	9
Melb. Croatia	2	4	6	10	17	8
Green Gully	1	3	8	7	20	5

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYD. OLYMPIC	5	7	0	24	12	17
SYD. CROATIA	7	3	2	20	8	17
MARCONI	6	3	3	19	13	15
WOLLONGONG	5	4	3	12	8	14
N'CASTLE-ROSEBUD	4	5	3	20	13	13
Blacktown	5	3	4	15	17	13
Syd C Hakoah	3	6	3	23	18	12
St Geo. Budapest	4	4	4	15	19	12
APIA — L'hardi	3	5	4	14	17	11
C'berra Olympians	2	4	6	10	15	8
C'bury-Marriakville	2	4	6	14	20	8
Inter-Monaro	1	2	9	7	28	4

This week's games

Sunday's NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

- SOUTHERN DIVISION**
- BRISBANE CITY v. Green Gully at Spencer Park, 3pm
 - ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v. Brisbane Lions at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30pm
 - South Melbourne Hellas v. FOOTSCRAY JUST at Middle Park, 3pm
 - Melbourne Croatia v. HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Olympic Park, 3pm
 - Sunshine-George Cross v. Brunswick-Juventus (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm
 - Preston-Makedonia v. Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3pm
- NORTHERN DIVISION**
- WOLLONGONG v. Blacktown City at Wollongong Showground, 3pm
 - Sydney Croatia v. NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD at Croatian Sports Centre, 3pm
 - APIA-Leichhardt v. St. George Budapest (draw) at Lambert Park, 3pm
 - SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Inter-Monaro at Pratten Park, 3pm
 - Canberra Olympians v. CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE at Bruce Stadium, 3pm
 - Sydney City Hakoah v. MARCONI at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm

AMETCO AWARD

● Ametco Travel will award to the best player of the NSL a trip to Europe, flying Thai International.

Leading Votegetters:

- 34 Dobson (Mak)
- 33 Franken (Can), Estavillo (SO)
- 32 Wheatley (Mar), Selemidis (H)
- 31 Postecoglou (SMH), Wade (BUJuv)
- 30 Hunter (H)
- 29 Jackson (BL)
- 28 Slater (Black)
- 27 Arnold (S.Cr), Stosic (JUST), Mullen (AdJuv)
- 26 Ingham (N), Lowe (Mar), Budini (IM)
- 25 Vilestia (W), Bertonga (APIA)
- 24 Gosling (N), Hantzis (Can)
- 23 Honeyman (Ad. Hel), Fraser (GG)
- 22 Baran (APIA), Raskopoulos (SO), Yzendorn (BUJuv)
- 21 Kosmina (S Hak)
- 20 Knight (W), Ollerenshaw (St G), Odzakovic (S Cr), Cavanagh (N)
- Butler (APIA), Zrlitic (Can), Gilder (SGC)
- 19 Gerald (W), Bradley (B), McIntosh, Lewis (M Cr)
- Tapai, Latif (JUST)
- 18 D. Hunter (BL), James (SGC), Cumming (GG), Karic, Nikitovic (JUST) Farina (S Hak), Carbone (IM), Davidson (SMH), Flounders, Villani, Melita (Ad Juv)
- 17 Hannah (M Cr), Palacios (Can), Blair, McDowall, Cranie (SMH), Mengotti (Bris City), Maclaren (SGC)
- 16 Thannidis (Can), Dowie (BU Juv), Lamond (S.Cr), Jones (N), DeMarigny (Hak) Browa (APIA), Wian (IM), Tredinnick (M)
- 15 Young (W), Sken (St Geo), Murray (W), Boziovski, Lujic (JUST) Russell (SMH), Kastner (SGC), Kalantzis, Dakos (SO)



● Eddie Campbell (left) of Brunswick Juventus and Paul Lewis of Croatia battle for the ball. Both scored at Olympic Park on Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK.



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- Leading Goalscorers:
- 11 Kosmina (Hak)
 - 8 Jones (NR)
 - 7 Latif (JUST) Arnold (S.Cr) Lewis (MC)
 - 6 Ingham (NR) Brown (Mar) Cooper (BC)
 - 5 Maxwell Mullen Villani (Ad City)
 - 4 Rivero (W) Odzakovic (S.Cr) Lowe (Mar) Carroll (B) Cranle (SMH) Zinni Wade (BUJuv) Konstantopoulos Ward (Ad Hel)
 - Smith Lane (Mak) A. Hunter (Heid)

Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of week.

- NIKITOVIC (1) (J.U.S.T.)
- AINSWORTH (1) (Blacktown) HENDERSON (1) (Marconi) SELEMEDIS (1) (Heidelberg) TOBIN (1) (A.C. Juve)
- HRISTODOULOU (1) (Ad. Hellas) R. STEWART (1) (Bris. Lions) HANTZIS (2) (Canterbury) CAVANAGH (2) (Newcastle)
- COTTON (1) (St. George) OLLERENSHAW (1) (St. George)

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15 Kalantzis (SO)
11 Spink (JUST)



Newcastle runs riot, McPherson sent off

Newc-Rosebud 5 SC-Hakoah 1

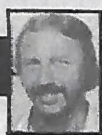
Venue: Adamstown Oval.
Scorers: Cavanah (N) 37th, Jones (N) 56th, Kosmina (SC) pen 66th, Ingham (N) 68th, Jones (N) 70th, Ingham (N) 80th.
Crowd: 1872.

Referee: Manny Loupis 5.
Cautions: Watson (SC), Kosmina (SC), McPherson (SC), Jones (N).
Sent off: 84th McPherson.

A perfectly taken free kick by Newcastle in the 37th minute, ending with John Cavanah smashing a great left-foot shot in at the near post started Sydney Hakoah off on a slippery slide.

In fairness, one should ask goalkeeper Alex McPherson what he was doing in the middle of his six-yard box instead of covering his near post. And while we are in the mood for pointing the finger one cannot help wondering if the game would have taken a different turn had Frank Fari-

Joe Lanzoni



na taken at least one of the two golden opportunities that were presented to him in the first 20 minutes.

Sydney Hakoah was visibly unnerved by the over zealous refereeing of Manny Loupis who was making his first appearance in Newcastle.

However, he made amends in the second half when he awarded a soft penalty to Sydney Hakoah after replacement Abbas Saad was adjudged to have been pushed by Newcastle defender Matt Garland.

Kosmina's penalty was brilliantly saved by Clint Gosling but the kick had to be retaken when Loupis insisted the keeper moved before the ball was kicked.

Kosmina made no mistake with his second attempt. Newcastle had gone to a 2-0

lead early in the second half when Sean Ingham, whose pace gave the square Hakoah defence no end of trouble all afternoon, sent a perfect cross from the left to the unmarked Bobby Naumov on the right. His first time shot went straight to the keeper's chest and the matter should have ended there, but inexplicably the ball rolled through his legs and along the goal-line for the eager Mark Jones to beat the keeper and scramble it over the line.

A sickening goal in anybody's language. The Kosmina penalty gave Hakoah a glimmer of hope but that was short lived.

Two minutes later Ingham's great pace put him be-

hind the defence and with McPherson stranded in no-man's land once again, he found the net from 20 metres.

From then on it was one-way traffic till the end.

Mark Jones scored his second goal two minutes later with a superb header after Ralph Maier and Bobby Naumov had provided the lead-up work.

Ingham completed the scoring when ripped in to intercept a backpass to the keeper to score his second goal.

Six minutes from the end McPherson was shown the dreaded red card when he unmercifully chopped down Bobby Naumov after the midfielder had gone around him and was about to put number six away.

Newcastle virtually won the game in the middle of the park where Cavanah and Maier were neck and neck for the man of the match award and were ably supported by Paul Crabtree and Bobby Naumov.

The defence was solid and well marshalled by Ian Bannon

Man of the match:
JOHN CAVANAH
(Newc-Rosebud)

Warren Spink receives the 1982 Victorian Junior Player of Year award from Franz Beckenbauer at Olympic Park.

Spink joins JUST Nikitovic tops



Laurie Schwab

Foots JUST 1 AC-Juventus 0

Scorer: Stosic 40th.
Venue: Schindler Res.
Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.
Cautions: Villani, Santrac (ACJ), Belic (JUST).

Australian youth international Warren Spink started a new chapter of his career when he made his debut for Footscray JUST against Adelaide Juventus.

Spink was able to join JUST on Friday due to an oversight by his former club, Makedonia.

He was placed on the transfer list late last season as a matter of course while the club negotiated with him after his contract had expired.

He then decided to try his luck in England where he scored regularly with the reserves of Luton. Town.

Although he was on the verge of breaking into the senior team, Luton decided not to retain him so he returned to Australia and started playing again for Makedonia.

However Makedonia neglected signing a new contract with Spink.

When JUST made him an offer that was too good to refuse, Makedonia found it had no hold on him.

"When I first rang Makedonia they simply told me that Spink was not on the transfer list," said JUST president Tony Amos.

"Knowing differently, I contacted the National Soccer League office and was told by Stefan Kamnars that Spink had signed a new contract and was therefore available.

"The maximum transfer fee stipulated in his previous contract was \$6000, so that's what we paid."

JUST now is the envy of other NSL clubs as Spink is one of the most talented young strikers in Australia.

He set an individual goalscoring record for Australian youth team games when he netted five in an 8-0 victory over Zennester Hombeck in Belgium in a warm-up game before last year's World Youth championships in the USSR.

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taken JUST to the top of the NSL era division ladder after the club finished last in 1985.

JUST also signed Boris Atana from Heidelberg-Alexander who spent only a few short weeks at Adelaide Juventus control of the field in the second half.

He came on as a late substitute.

Goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic a brilliant form as JUST held on lead provided by Vlad Stosic away a square pass from Z. Luje.

Nikitovic saved twice at the Charley Villani and twice at the Joe Mullen.

What's more, he stopped a taken penalty by Villani, awarded foul on Sergio Melita in the 65th.

Melita, Villani, and Adrian S supported on the left by Alex Tobi. Adelaide Juventus control of the field in the second half.

JUST's defence was torn apart, Nikitovic saved everything that came in and in the last few minutes, Belic cleared an attempt by Villi the goal line.

In the first half, however, Adelaide Juventus goalkeeper Steve Nicke kept his side in the game by diving feet of Ernie Tapai and then spr himself to block with his feet, a Luje who had raced past two opp

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the all-Greek derby elevated to Match of the Day status on SBS Television, failed to excite the large crowd for all but the last half hour. Canterbury showed Olympic the respect the league leader deserves by fielding five defenders.

Olympic's star-studded team started off with plenty of poise and composure but ended up looking somewhat tarnished.

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Mike Lynn

Green Gully 0 George Cross 1

Scorer: Bain (G.C.)
Venue: Green Gully Reserve.
Referee: E. Venios 3.
Crowd: 1409.
Cautions: Cannell, Cumming, Carter (GC), Lennon (GC).

Green Gully gave its all, just like newly-appointed coach Gus Macleod did when he was a player. Providing Gully continues to show such determination I'm sure every team in the Southern Division will no longer find it easy pickings.

George Cross can count itself lucky to have escaped with both points because Green Gully missed two penalties in the second half.

The first was awarded in the 49th minute when Gully striker Danny Ward was upended by Cross keeper Sean Keogh. Scott Fraser took the spot kick but Keogh made amends by saving brilliantly, diving to his right. However, he managed only to block the ball and as it rolled away from him he was

helpless as George Campbell raced in and inexplicably aimed his shot wide of an open goal.

The second penalty was awarded for a rather dubious handball decision in the 62nd minute.

A cross from the left was chased by Gully striker Tommy Cumming but as he and Cross defender Shaun Parton slid on the ground, the referee decided Cumming's shot hit Parton on the hand.

This time the penalty was taken by Cumming but again Keogh dived, this time to his left, and parried the ball. The keeper had to be very alert to save the follow-up shot from Danny Ward.

George Cross had the better of play during the first half and should have gone ahead in the 2nd minute. A poor pass by Gully midfielder Fab Barichello went straight to Cross target man Carl Gilder who laid the ball off to fellow striker Mark Lennon who was racing into the Gully penalty area. Instead of going directly for goal, Lennon chose to pass the ball square to midfielder Don Maclaren, who was in a poorer position, and his hastily-struck

Sean Keogh

shot went over the crossbar. Maclaren almost scored in the 15th minute when he volleyed over the bar after receiving a superb through pass from full back Tyrone Jones.

Cross scored what was to be the winning goal in the 18th minute. A strong run by Cross captain Jeff Faulkner took him to the edge of the Gully penalty area where he held the ball long enough for full back John Campbell to make an excellent overlapping run. After receiving the ball at the Gully backline, Campbell crossed to the far post where Parton had made a well-timed supporting run. Parton's subsequent header back into the Gully six-yard box was only partially cleared by full back Steve Douglas and the loose ball was gleefully hammered home by Cross midfielder Roger Bain.

Gus Macleod

Gully's defence struggled in the first half as its central defensive combination of Stuart Cannell and Steve McLelland failed. Cannell was apparently supposed to play the sweeper's role, leaving McLelland to do the man marking but throughout the first half it was Cannell who was meeting all the high balls. This usually meant that the Gully back four were consistently caught square and without adequate cover. Fortunately for Gully, George Cross did not use the width of the park which, had they done so, could have caused them even greater problems.

The second half was all Green Gully and although the standard of their play was not of the highest calibre they still dominated the half through sheer determination.

The quality of the Cross defence should be highlighted at

Man of the match:
SEAN KEOGH
(George Cross)

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We were robbed says Rale Rasic

Inter-Monaro 1 AP1A 1

Scorers: Carbone pen 76th (IM), Baran (AP1A) 23rd.
Venue: Seiffert Oval.
Referee: Neil Murray 5.
Crowd: 364.

Thanks to a late penalty — and a last-second decision to disallow one — Monaro managed a lucky 1-1 draw against Apia Leichhardt at Seiffert Oval.

With only minutes remaining, midfield Vic Bozanic's point-blank range shot was cleared off Monaro's goal line by defender Angelo Titilas — and then right on the final whistle came the free kick that Apia claimed should have been a penalty.

Monaro midfielder John Walsh appeared to have brought down front-runner Allan Turnbull almost half a metre inside the penalty area — but Canberra referee Neil Murray ruled the tackle was effected just outside.

The resultant free kick

Man of the match:
JANUSZ BARAN
(APIA)

sailed centimetres over the crossbar.

Apia coach Rale Rasic claimed his wide was robbed — while Monaro's coach Frank Maccarone, with his side still on the bottom of the ladder, was grateful for a valuable point.

AP1A was territorially superior but paid the price for poor finishing. Neither side, however, was convincing on a pitch so bumpy it made good football almost impossible.

AP1A's former Soccerroo goalkeeper Tony Pezzano has good reason to long remember the game.

It was Pezzano's long clearance that set up his side's only goal — and he then came desperately close to saving the vital penalty.

Pezzano went the right way and appeared to have saved the spot but the ball squeezed beneath his body and bounced into the net.

In the 23rd minute, Monaro's fullback Mike Tullawa misjudged Pezzano's long clearance and when the ball bounced a second time it was struck perfectly by Polish import Janusz Baran into the left hand corner of the net.

It was opportunism at its best.

Five minutes from the half-time break AP1A had the chance to seal the game but when midfielder Darren Stewart found Vic Bozanic with a perfectly weighted cross Bozanic fired inches over the crossbar from eight metres.

Both sides made early second-half changes but it was not until the 76th minutes against the run of play — that Monaro was awarded its hotly disputed penalty.

Arno Bertogna was the offending AP1A player and Attilio Carbone converted — but only just.



Zoran Nikitovic.



Boris Atanasovski.

Stevenson to Hellas, Ketsakidis in goal



Ken Kontra

defence with accuracy and purpose.

Without the suspended Charlie Egan, Hellas looked relatively tame in attack and found it difficult to create positive scoring chances. The two scoring shots were actually the only ones it had on target while Heidelberg, only marginally shading Hellas in overall possession, gave Peter Laumets quite a busy time.

Heidelberg took the lead in the 27th minute when Paul Wilson, dismissed Bobby Russell. Although Peter Laumets managed to parry the shot, he watched helplessly as Nick Deligiannis pounced on the loose ball and put it away from 10 metres.

In the 35th minute Alan Davidson bounced a powerful shot off the crossbar from the edge of the penalty area.

Seven minutes later, the teams were on equal terms again, thanks to Garry McDowall deflecting Davidson's shot with Oliver going the wrong way.

Three minutes after the equaliser, Oliver, who injured his shoulder earlier when falling awkwardly, was flattened by Richard Miranda with a rather late tackle, and was unable to continue. Chris Ketsakidis went into goal, substitute Mike Valentine came on in midfield and Steve Marley dropped back in defence.

Heidelberg started the second half in whirlwind fashion, obviously trying to protect Ketsakidis.

First Peter Tsolakis tested Laumets with a shot on the turn, then the Hellas keeper was forced to tip Alan Hunter's header over the bar and the resultant corner curled in by Mike Valentine was kicked off the line by Carl Halford.

In the 58th minute, Chris Ketsakidis drew applause when he acrobatically cut out Alan Davidson's cross. Incidentally, this was the first time that Ketsakidis goal-keeping ability was tested since Oliver's departure!

In the 73rd minute Tsolakis took on Miranda and McDowall, but his cross was deflected for a corner. Katsakidis swung the ball in and Selemidis headed it home to give Heidelberg the lead again.

A minute late Deligiannis had a chance but Laumets

Man of the match:
THEO SELEMIDIS
(Heidelberg)

saved well. With 11 minutes remaining, former Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson celebrated his return to Melbourne from Sydney Olympic by a hard shot over the head of Ketsakidis after collecting Danny Cranin's free kick inside the penalty area.

In the last minute of normal time, Tsolakis' shot was blocked, the diminutive striker collected the rebound and released Paul Wilson on the left. Wilson put it away with a low shot from a difficult angle to complete the scoring in this competitive and thoroughly entertaining encounter.



One goalscorer in pursuit of another — it's Nick Deligiannis (left) of Heidelberg, against Garry McDowall of SM-Hellas, with referee Bob Davies looking on. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO.

Opasins to midfield

Bris Lions 1 Makedonia 1

Scorers: Own goal Dobson (Mak) 3rd, Heys (Mak) 76th. Venue: Richards. Crowd: 1202.

Referee: Stuart Mellings 9. Cautions: Bl — Richardson, Armit, Jackson, Kays.

For Makedonia's Bill Murray this match was a



Ricky Rosso

isolated instance. Indeed, Wright's running with the ball and skills in beating a player are probably as good as any time in his career. But that seems to be a problem.

Wright is running, running and running. There is little interchange with his fellow strikers — and the blame for that is with all parties concerned.

Everyone wants to do the work, but no-one seems to have the knack of putting the ball away.

Makedonia's Graham Heys showed his opportunistic skills when a crazy mix-up between Lions keeper Rob Farrow and defender Richard Bassingthwaite gave Makedonia its gift equaliser.

Man of the match:
RUSSELL STEWART
(Brisb Lions)



Graham Heys

Rivero off on a stretcher



Alex Vesic

performance by the home side.

Wollongong looked anything but wolves. The workmanlike visitors battled hard, defending at times with 10 players in order to take a point home and with five minutes remaining it looked as if the visitors were going to do it.

Then came the well-timed header by Brown and coach Les Schending had reason to smile. Marconi is now making a strong challenge for the title. However, Marconi's game is

Man of the match:
TONY HENDERSON
(Marconi)

far from satisfying despite its position on the table. Its Argentinian imports are yet to knit with the rest of the side and much of its midfield is in tatters. Neither Gray nor Mason played with authority while Tredinnick's work is all too often wasted by almost predictable poor passing.

If you add Marconi's poor finishing you get a picture of frustration for the fans.

David Lowe exchanged passes with Ian Gray to race into the area early but his shot was tipped over the bar by Young. Then it was Ian Gray, midway through the first half to face Young but his shot sailed over the bar.

Mason's backheader in the 29th went over the bar, then Brown faced Young from a Gray pass but shot over.

Oswaldo El Ali was next to face Young in the 53rd after a good pass by Tredinnick but the Wolves keeper managed to block an attempted lob.

Mason raced through in the 72nd and yet again Young was forced to deny Marconi what looked a certain goal.

In the end Brown changed Marconi's fortunes but more trouble was in store for Marconi as Wollongong came out looking for an equaliser. It was a torrid time for the home side as Wolves showed their teeth in the closing stages.

For Wolves the only chance came when Katsakidis received a pass from Saul Rivero but his shot from an angle missed the target.

That apart, the Wolves rarely ventured forward and were content to hold back and defend. In the process some of their tackling became over ambitious, but by the same token, it escapes me how Robert Wheatley got away scot free after his late tackle on Rivero which saw the South American being carried off the Park on a stretcher!

Wheatley had a fine game and was one of the best players on the park, shaded only by his captain, Tony Henderson. Wheatley was always there to clean up at the back or fire down the left flank in search of an opening.

Henderson led by example — he won everything in the air and urged his men forward but to little avail. It is good to see the revival of Henderson, one of the best and most experienced players in the country. Only a few weeks ago he was almost sold to Avala.

Marconi 1 Wollongong 0

Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,672. Referee: G. Warne 7. Cautions: Viletzki, Gaffney (W).

A free kick by Peter Tredinnick and a header at the far post by Rod Brown gave Marconi the points after a lacklustre

otakes a dive

Mikolajczyk

While Canterbury was content to hold its opposition, Olympic played into its hands by attacking with four men in a straight line.

This was hardly sufficient to lure the Canterbury defenders out of position and consequently Olympic failed to add to its solitary goal.

A minute from half time Canterbury equalised. A free kick for a minor offence was spectacularly converted by the magic left foot of Spiro Hantzis. His dipping shot from 25 metres cleared the defensive wall, then left goalkeeper Gary Meier grasping air.

The second half was barely five minutes old when Hantzis once again beat Meier, but Peter Raskopoulos was on the spot to clear.

After an hour of dour play, both sides suddenly realised the game was there for the winning. Nello Borges hit the post in the 66th minute and in the next breath a shot by Terry Patalis was on its way in until deflected for a corner.

Three minutes later Olympic's Phillips nearly got onto the scoresheet but in long range effort was palmed onto the cross bar by sprightly Chris Hummel.

In the last 10 minutes the crowd was treated to some gripping action as play fluctuated from goal to goal.

The division of the points was no less than both sides deserved.

A disturbing sidelight was the varying crowd figures given by the local stadium officials. First a crowd of 3546 was

Man of the match:
SPIRO HANTZIS
(Canterbury)

quoted. The turnstile count was 4150, however, there was no doubt the at least 5000 spectators were in attendance. It is hoped the "home" team, Canterbury, will not be the financial loser.

In conjunction with the All-Greek Derby, Harry Michaels Presentations staged a challenge match between the SBS eleven and Canterbury-Marrickville Old Boys. The stakes were impressive — a glittering trophy and a \$1000 wager.

The SBS combination coached by Johnny Warren won the match 2-1. Scorers were Harry Michaels and Dominic Galati after the berries had grabbed the lead through John Xipolitis.

The crowd was treated to some vintage football from some vintage players. George Donikian played a blinder in goal and, significantly, Les Murray wore the No. 10 shirt for SBS. Canterbury looked impressive but the SBS defence managed to ensure the victory.

SBS: George Donikian (Andrew Paschalis) — Clay Adams (Stefan Kamazsi) Eric Morris, Michael Mikolajczyk (Eddie Thomson) Julius Steina — Alex Murphy, Les Murray, Chris Hill — Tony Hyatt, Harry Michaels, Dominic Galati.

Referee: Ted Simmonds.



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**Adel. Hellas 1
Brisbane City 1**

Scorers: Ward (AH) pen.
62nd, Mengotti (BC) 78th.
Venue: Hindmarsh
Stadium.
Crowd: 2,500.
Referee: Don Campbell
(SA) 9.

Cautions: Reis (BC).
Adelaide Hellas could only manage one point from this home venture, despite above-the-call-of-duty performances from Lou Hristodoulou, George Konstantopoulos, Mike Genikas, Robbie Dunn, Charlie Yankos and Chris Manou.

With Konstantopoulos calling the tune up front, Hellas had enough scoring chances to clinch a dozen games.

But Billy Wilkinson's lads calmly resisted the Hellas' raids and three times almost snatched goals on breakaways.

Wilkinson came to Adelaide with fresh new signing Rod Vasquez from Brisbane Lions. Defender Vasquez joined City last Friday and managed to squeeze in one training session before making his debut with City last Sunday.

And a fine start it was too for the young man who found it hard to command a place in the Lions team. Vasquez linked up with Steve Perry in the centre of the City defence, while captain Frank Mengotti and Frank Guglielmino occupied the full-back spots.

Hellas also made changes because of the late withdrawal through injury of Alan Scott. Mike Genikas retained his place in the Hellas midfield, while Charlie Yankos, returning from suspension, played

left-back and Honeyman remained at sweeper. It was no surprise when Hellas made its initial breakthrough in the 62nd minute. Referee Donald Campbell awarded a penalty when Brisbane City goalkeeper Robert Harrison dragged Konstantopoulos down after he had swept around him and raced towards the unguarded goal.

Gary Ward hit home the spot-kick to bring up his fourth league goal for Hellas and the fans eagerly awaited a goal.

But the script took a dramatic turn seven minutes after the goal when substitute Roberto Lettieri, who had replaced Alf Catalano in the 54th minute, had to be stretchered off suffering from ankle ligament damage.

Wilkinson introduced his second substitute, Glenn Archer, who went to right-back, while skipper Mengotti covered for Lettieri in the midfield.

Nine minutes later it was 1-1 with Mengotti the scorer from a towering header as he met a cross from Gary Bromfield.

After that, Hellas failed to muster the type of effort needed for a points-saving revival and but for a great save by Martyn Crook, City might just have gone home with a win. City coach Wilkinson said his side played disciplined soccer after the Hellas goal to leave Adelaide with a valuable away point.

"The boys kept their heads up and remained in control after the goal," he said.

Hellas coach Edmund Kreft

Man of the match:
LOU HRISTODOULOU
(Adel. Hellas)

said his team failed to convert scoring chances in the first half and lost concentration after scoring. "There is always room for improvement, but I think we played well apart from making a stupid mistake in defence because of a lack of concentration," he said.



• Gary Ward (right) of Adelaide Juventus, shoots past Brisbane City's Steve Perry and goalkeeper Rob Harrison, out over the bar. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

Slater not working hard enough, says de Bruin



Barry Davis

**Blacktown 2
Canberra 1**

Scorers: Ainsworth, Thornthwaite (B); Phillips (C).
Venue: Gable Stadium
Crowd: 760.
Referee: Terry Seacy

Although Blacktown dominated 75% of the play, it almost left the game slip away from its grasp in the last 20 minutes.

It was obvious from the first whistle that Blacktown was in

an attacking mood and that it was determined to collect both points.

In the 9th minute, the Demons created an excellent opportunity when Adam Sandy intercepted a Canberra pass near the half-way. He slipped the ball to Robbie Slater who made ground before crossing to unmarked Joe Carroll. Carroll's strong shot from 15 metres was well saved by goalkeeper George Economopoulos.

The 24th minute saw another excellent build-up by Slater to set up Carroll again, but his shot was asked.

Two minutes later, Blacktown's attacking efforts were rewarded when Jeff Ainsworth rose well to head a Gary Byrne corner onto the base of the right hand upright. Brett Thornthwaite was on hand to make very sure that the ball had fully crossed the line.

Blacktown was not content to sit on that lead however. Adam Sandy once more put Slater away on the left and in an effort to score his first home goal of the season, he left fly with a powerful left-foot shot which had the goalkeeper struggling to turn wide.

Canberra was not without its attacking moments during the first period, though. Perhaps the best of these occurred in the 36th minute when Ian Gibson crossed from the left to Hilton Phillips whose header was just wide.

A few minutes later, Augusto Palacios found himself hemmed into the corner by

Stephen Knight. Not to be beaten, Palacios deftly juggled the ball (to the delight of the crowd) and suddenly turned to cross to Gibson in the penalty area but the resulting header was easily saved by Curtis.

In the 41st minute, Economopoulos completely misjudged a well-flighted Gary Byrne corner. The ball found the head of Brett Thornthwaite who easily scored from five metres.

After the break, Canberra looked more determined than it had at anytime in the first half.

At the 50 minute mark, Palacios broke free and took off toward goal with Peter Denyer in hot pursuit and David Curtis advancing to narrow the shooting angle. Curtis managed to gather the ball just as Palacios and Denyer bumped and all three ended up on the ground.

Referee Seacy apparently thought that a foul had been committed because he showed the yellow card to Denyer and awarded a penalty.

Ian Gibson's spot kick hit the left-hand post and bounced back into play. Blacktown not only cleared the rebound but also began another attacking move.

In an effort to improve the Demons' work rate up front, Casey de Bruin sent John Bradley on to replace Robbie Slater, who it was felt, had not been contributing enough.

In the 78th minute, Gibson played a perfect pass which found Phillips completely unmarked in the Blacktown penalty area, and he had no trouble in converting this golden opportunity.

Both sides had chances to

Man of the match:
JEFF AINSWORTH
(Blacktown)

swing the game in the final minutes but neither was able to deliver the goods. The further the match went, the more dangerous Canberra looked. Its build-ups were much more positive but they constantly broke down at the final pass. Blacktown spent much of the final 20 minutes being forced to defend and was rarely able to launch a threatening raid.

Blacktown's last attempt came in the last minute when a through pass from Paul Kay found Bradley on-side. Bradley set sail for goal only to be brought down by the advancing goalkeeper well outside the penalty area. The keeper earned a yellow card but the resulting free kick was not taken, as time had elapsed.

Blacktown coach de Bruin was delighted with the result. "We had to win this one and I am sure it will be the turning point for us," he said.

"Canberra is a much underrated side and really had me worried during the last part of the game."

"I hope Robbie Slater learned something from his substitution today. He is a good player but he is not working hard enough for the team to command a permanent place. I really hope that his work rate improves."

Canberra coach Steve Bryant was disappointed that his team did not gain a point. He said the missed penalty cost the team at least a draw.

Lewis out for rest of year

Man of the match:
GEORGE HANNAH
(M. Croatia)

**B. Juventus 2
M. Croatia 2**

Scorers: E. Campbell 8th, B. Brown penalty 42nd (BJ); Paul Lewis 36th, Biskic 54th (MC).
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.
Crowd: 1,862.
Cautions: Cullen, Patterson, Zvendorn (BJ); Markovic, J. Campbell (MC).
Referee: Jim Reeves 5.

Paul Lewis, signed by Croatia for \$20,000 a few weeks ago, seriously injured a knee in a clash with John Zvendorn in the last minute and will miss the rest of the season.

The match highlight came in the 8th minute. After that we all may as well have gone home.

Eddie Campbell, 35 metres out, took Mirko Runje and everyone else by surprise when he unleashed a stinging, left-foot drive. The ball sailed over Runje's head and into the top near corner of goal.

A minute earlier Croatia should have gone ahead when a great curling cross by Josip Biskic from the right caught Juventus defenders flat-footed. The incoming Victor Cristaldo pushed the ball over the bar from four metres.

Juventus should have made it 2-0 in the 26th minute. Scott Patterson's inswinging corner was headed firmly by John Zvendorn. Tony Curcio headed off the line and Zvendorn, following up, headed wide.

Rob Cullen broke clear in the 33rd minute but Runje smothered well. Mike Petersen sent Joe Palatsides through two minutes later but his shot struck Runje and Croatia levelled in the 36th minute.

A great run by Robert Markovic took him to the back-line on the right of the Juventus area. His cut-back found Paul Lewis lurking at the near post and his first-timer gave Yanka Banovic no chance.

Juventus hit the front again three minutes from the interval. Palatsides set off into the Croatia area. Once sandwiched by two opponents he threw himself forward and referee Jim Reeves took the ball. Brian Brown sent Runje the wrong way from the resultant penalty.

The goal that earned Croatia precious point came in the 54th minute. Lewis played the ball to Biskic who cut inside two defenders then slotted the ball wide of advancing Banovic and inside the near post.

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• Joe Palatsides (right) of Brunswick-Juventus, fires one past Melbourne Croatia's Jim Campbell. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Sharks, Ilinden seek revenge

Sutherland aims to avenge its 2-0 loss to Melita Eagles when they clash again at Seymour Shaw Park at the weekend.

Sutherland should have a full side for the first time this year and Mark Harrington and Steve Meades should provide stern opposition for Farrugia and Rezaezadeh while Peter Terry will marshal his young defence in a bid to stave off Foxman and Farnsworth.

It will be interesting to see how Scott Hughes and Craig Hall face up to Wilson and McCoy. It's a one-goal game,

with the Sharks having the edge at home.

Manly Warringah will offer no gifts to Uruguayan at Chapman Park but will be hard pressed to take more than one point in an evenly contested game. I feel Uruguayan will surprise the home side and that Calcuterra will at long last stamp his authority up front with van Helden keen to do well against his old club.

Macedonian rivalry will continue at Hurstville Oval, with Ilinden keen to avenge its loss at Berkeley. It is going to be an uphill battle for the team from the South Coast. Despite its fine defensive record I feel the home side might have too many guns for

the visitors, with as many as two goals separating the teams at the end of the day.

At Chapin Park the home side, without the services of Geekie and Lasek, will have problems against Fairy Meadow. Despite the presence of some fine players, such as Sobczyk, Janic, Pop and Drys, I suspect the visitors could surprise and take one point with new players making the difference for the team from the South Coast.

Freshwater and Avala, with so many plans at the start of

the season, are struggling at present and a defeat for either could spell a lot of trouble in the weeks to come.

Wait, Sterey and Green look strong enough to hold Filipovic, Radak and Blazic while Avala's defence looks shaky and likely to crumble under the Walter-Giannone attack.

Kuringai should have little trouble against Penrith at Parklands if Bass and Nile turn on the power and its mobile, midfield supports its attack.



Rockdale Ilinden, strong contenders for the title after a poor start, from left, standing: Paul Degney, Peter Berry, Billy Pilovski, Geoff Wilson, Vlado Torteviski, Darren Wilson, Zlatko Nastevski, Ilija Takac (coach), front row: Jimmy Risteviski, Paul Darlington, Tony Genovese, Terry Jones, Patrick Rodas.



Air Malta player of the year award

Leading vote-getters

- 15. Nastevski (RI)
- 14. Farrugia (ME)
- 13. Woods (U), Torteviski (RI)
- 10. Watt (F), J. Campbell (MW), Pell (FM)

Skypack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MANLY WARRINGAH	6	5	2	17	8	17
ROCK ILINDEN	7	2	4	28	15	16
KU-RING-GAI	5	6	2	9	5	16
WOLL. MACEDONIA	5	6	2	9	5	16
Melita Eagles	5	5	3	23	10	15
Sutherland	6	3	4	13	11	15
Polonia	4	5	4	18	21	13
Uruguay	3	7	3	10	13	13
Freshwater	5	2	6	20	26	12
Avala	4	3	6	12	17	11
Penrith City	4	0	9	17	33	8
Fairy Meadow	2	0	11	10	24	4

2ND GRADE	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES	9	3	1	25	10	21
FRESHWATER	8	2	3	33	18	18
KU-RING-GAI	7	2	4	24	15	16
Fairy Meadow	2	4	25	16	15	16
Sutherland	7	2	4	19	15	15
Penrith City	6	2	5	21	23	14
Manly Warr.	4	5	4	23	18	13
Avala	5	1	7	18	28	11
Uruguay	3	4	6	22	29	10
Macedonia	3	3	6	22	29	10
Meriden	3	3	6	22	29	10
Palatia	2	1	8	9	28	5

3RD GRADE	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SUTHERLAND	12	1	0	53	4	25
PENRITH	9	3	1	43	13	21
MELITA	8	4	1	39	5	20
ILINDEN	8	2	3	42	14	18
Avala	7	2	4	22	17	16
Manly	5	1	5	21	14	15
Uruguay	5	1	5	19	25	11
Macedonia	4	2	7	15	25	10
Polonia	2	3	8	12	23	7
Ku-Ring-Gai	3	2	9	13	27	7
Freshwater	0	3	10	9	52	3
Fairy Meadow	1	1	11	9	28	3

MACEDONIA 0 SUTHERLAND 0 at Berkeley.

MACEDONIA: G. Robinson 8, — Muhbauer 7, Taleviski 7, Sweeney 7, Ristovski 7, — Mux 6, Todorovski 7, Bingham 6, Graldi 5, — Robinson 5, Gardner 5 (Krkovski 70th).

SUTHERLAND: Burroughs 7, — Nelson 7, Terry 8, Burrows 7, Cox 7, — Cashman 7, Harrington 8, Meades 8, Johnston 7, — Hughes 6, Sharpe 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Harrington (RI), 2. G. Robinson (WM), 1. Meades (SI).

KU-RING-GAI 3 (Bass 7th, Groome 45th, Williams 6th) AVALA 0 at Parklands.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 8, — Kevren 7, Berram 7, Watson 8, Godsworthy 7, — Groome 8, Sutherland 7, Williams 7, Quigley 8, — Nile 7, Bass 8.

AVALA: Thurlow 5, — Vrankovic 5, Atagic 5, Pena 5 (57th Blac 6), Divan 6, — Kodot 7, Manno 5, Coates 6, Filipovic 8, — Radak 5 (55th Brown 6), Jeffery 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Bass (KI), 2. Groome (K), 1. Watson (K).

PENRITH 2 (Piriz 0.9 10th, Hunter 20th) URUGUAYAN 1 (Tomasich 43rd) at Cook Park.

PENRITH: Edwards 7, Hutton 7, Campbell 8, Shaw 7, Hebb 6, — Jamieson 8, Thompson 7, Quarmby 7, Cross, — Hunter 7, Martinez 6.

URUGUAYAN: Rosano 7, — O'Donnell 8, Wood 7, Pina 6, Tomasich 7, — Cuba 6, Perdomo 6, Mosquera 6, Genc 7, — Calcuterra 5, Van Helden 5.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Jamieson (PI), 2. O'Donnell (U), 1. Campbell (PI).

FRESHWATER 1 (Corrigan 30th) POLONIA 2 (Sobczyk 7th, Drys 73rd) at Narrabeen Fitness Camp.

FRESHWATER: Musumeci 7, — J. Botticello 6, Watt 8, Sterey 7, Green 7, — A. Botticello 7, Berry 7, Burke 7, — Giannone 6 (Drene 70th), Corrigan 7, Silva 6.

POLONIA: Anderson 9, — Chou 7, Robertson 8, Kuvilski 8, Pratt 7, — Coussou 6, Sobczyk 6, Drys 6, Mahamah 7, — Janic 8, Pop 7.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Anderson (PI), 2. Watt (F), 1. Janic (PI).

MELITA EAGLES 0 MANLY WARRINGAH 0 at Melita Stadium.

MELITA: Avelino 7, — McCoy 7, Lomas 8, Wilson 8, Williams 7 (Gregson 72nd), Callanan 6, Rezaezadeh 7, McFadden 7, — Farnsworth 7, Foxman 7 (Via 89th), Dalton 7.

MANLY: Callin 7, — Dennis 6, Dick 8, Dean 8, Roben 7, Van Egmond 7, — Campbell 7 (Elderington 35th), — Marshall 7, Stuart 7, — McIntosh 6 (Davison 80th), Allan 6.

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Lomas (ME), 2. Dean (MW), 1. Dick (MW).

FAIRY MEADOW 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 6 (Nastevski 17th, 65th, 74th, Grbeviski 76th, Risteviski 20th) at Corimal Memorial Park.

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic 5, — White (Marjanovic 30th), — 7), Burleigh 5, Jones 6, Beringer 5, — Pel 5, Richardson 5 (80th Miezio), Cano 6, Baker 6, Kerr 7, Kravac 6.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Berry 7, — G. Wilson 7, Pilovski 8, D. Wilson 7, Rodas 7, — Torteviski 8, Darlington 7, Nastevski 7 (66th Jones), — Nastevski 9, Genovese 8, Risteviski 8 (66th Grbeviski).

Best players for the Air Malta award: 3. Nastevski (RI), 2. Risteviski (RI), 1. Torteviski (RI).



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Nastevski and his men lead for top spot

Rockdale Ilinden which looked doomed after five rounds, with one draw and four losses, has done a Houdini by winning its past six games, the most recent against Fairy Meadow, 6-0, and is now only one point from the lead.

It is now only a matter of time before Ilinden hits top spot.

Zlatko Nastevski, who bagged three goals against Fairy Meadow, is now at least three body lengths in front of the rest of the field in our Scorers' award and he also leads the Players' award. It is difficult to see who can stop this fine player.

Goals galore

During the opening quarter of an hour against Ilinden, Fairy Meadow managed to hold its opponents and looked capable of taking at least one point. Then came the first of three goals by Zlatko Nastevski and the wheels fell off the Fairy Meadow coach.

Nastevski exchanged passes with Risteviski, keeper came out but to no avail as Nastevski coolly planted his shot into the net after 17 minutes.

Only three minutes later Vlado Torteviski found Tony Genovese who played to Nastevski then raced in to see Risteviski nudge it into the net at the far post — 2-0.

Some 45 minutes later Fairy Meadow conceded a further four goals.

And predictably it was Nastevski who started the rot. He took possession 35 metres from goal beat two players on the run, rounded the keeper and scored, 3-0.

Nine minutes later Grbeviski was brought down and Nastevski licked his boots in anticipation, with three free kick goals to his name already this year. He bent his kick around the wall and it was 4-0.

Two minutes later Grbeviski and Nastevski came forward, Jones got involved and Grbeviski was last to receive from Jones and beat Krajnovic from close range, 5-0.

With five minutes to go Grbeviski scored again after an error by Krajnovic to end a sad tale for the home side at Corimal.

Reza, McFadden

Hamid Rezaezadeh, an Iranian international, and Paul McFadden of Motherwell fame in Scotland turned out for Melita Eagles on Sunday but failed to add the thrust needed to give Melita the edge.

An injury to Ray Farrugia prevented the Melites' ex international from playing and he was sorely missed.

Credit however must go to the enthusiastic Manly. The visitors played with poise and their pre-match plan to have

five defenders with Dean and Dick operating as two centre-backs, paid dividends.

In fact Dean cleared off the line after McFadden broke through in the 42nd. Melita had found the net earlier but Wilson was ruled offside.

Defenders scooped the pool, with Lomas being Melita's best player on the day while Dick and Dean stood tall for the League leaders.

Bob Catlin, Paul Marshall (ex Adelaide City and Swindon Town) and Robbie Stuart also performed creditably with the rest of the side looking solid indeed.

Piriz O.G.

Uruguayan defender Billy Piriz scored the winning goal at Cook Park, against his own side to give Penrith a new lease of life.

Uruguay is the only side that has so far scored own goals. Gary Hastie was "on the mark" in the net after 17 minutes.

Earlier Ian Hunter scored after taking a through ball from Don Campbell.

The goal by Piriz after 20 minutes made it 2-0, but Uruguay came back with a vengeance.

Drago Tomasich got one back close to half time, then came Uruguay chances with Calcuterra twice and Genc twice facing the keeper but unable to find the net.

Penrith must be applauded for its enthusiasm. Alex Jamieson, its new recruit, has in the last few games lifted this side and he is the team's new general.

With Thompson and Quarmby, he managed to overpower Uruguay's midfield.

For Uruguay, its star-studded midfield of Cuba, Perdomo and Mosquera did little to justify its billing.

Avala slump

From the moment Chris Quigley supplied the pass which Craig Bass converted to give Ku-Ring-Gai an early lead, it was apparent that Avala was out of the game and it would only be a matter of how many the home side would score.

Bass was on the spot again in the 45th to provide an opportunity for Nigel Groome to make it 2-0 in the 45th.

Williamson came close after 58 minutes but Thurlow managed to deflect his shot.

With 20 minutes left, Thurlow and Bass went for the ball. It fell for Mark Nile who found Williamson and this time Thurlow was beaten 3-0.

Dour struggle

At Berkley Sports Ground the home side registered another important draw, this time against the in-form Sutherland. Predictably it was 0-0.

I hate to say "I told you so", but I did.

Macedonia from Wollongong showed fine qualities in defence but little enterprise up front, with Robinson and Gardner virtually out of the game for the entire 90 minutes.

In fact it was Geoff Robinson, in goal for Macedonia, who kept the home side in the match with some fine saves.

Mark Harrington and Steve Meades made all the difference with some telling passes but to no avail as Robinson kept everything out with his finest performance to date.

George Todorovski tried to inspire his side but with little success.

Broken leg

Polonia centre-back Richard Lasek broke a leg during the match against Ku-Ring-Gai at Chapin Park two weeks ago. The unfortunate injury to one of Polonia's most faithful players will weaken Chopin Park outfit in the closing stages of the premiership.

Ron Geekie, another long-serving defender, received 10 stitches for a facial injury. He is, however, expected to play at the weekend.

Last Sunday against Freshwater, Henjek Sobczyk gave Polonia the lead after only seven minutes when the visitors were awarded a free kick on the edge of the area. Sobczyk was accurate and easily — 1-0.

Freshwater came back to equalise in the 30th minute and from then on the game developed into a midfield struggle with neither team looking capable of taking the points.

It took a mistake by Freshwater to give Jurek Drys and Polonia their chance to win. A back-header by an unfortunate Freshwater defender was intercepted by Drys and the points went Polonia's way.

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PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

STATE LEAGUE, SUNDAY, 6.7.86

SUTHERLAND — MELITA EAGLES, Seymour Shaw
MANLY WARR. — URUGUAYAN, Cromer Park
ROCK ILINDEN — WOLL. MACEDONIA, Hurstville Oval
POLONIA — FAIRY MEADOW, Chopin Park
FRESHWATER — AVALA, Narrabeen Fitness Camp
KU-RING-GAI — PENRITH CITY, Parklands Oval

DIVISION II, SATURDAY, 5.7.86

BATHURST — CANTERBURY, Proctor Park
DEE WHY — CAMPBELLTOWN, Dee Why Oval

SUNDAY, 6.7.86

LEBANON — KINGSFORD HELLNIC, Jensen Oval
BLACKTOWN — GLADESVILLE, Francis Park
YUGAL — NTH BANKSTOWN, Black Oval
QUEENS PARK — ARTARMON, Erskinvile Oval

DIVISION III, SATURDAY 5.7.86

BONDI MARINE — GUNNERS, Waverley Oval
NORTH RYDE RSL — MT DRUITT TOWN, Magdala Park
ROOTY HILL — UNI N.S.W., Cawarra Park

SUNDAY, 6.7.86

MOOREBANK — KING TOMISLAV, Hammondville
GRANTVILLE CHILE — PORT HACKING, Garside Park
WEST UNITED — BAULKHAM HILLS, Harold Read Res.

STATE LEAGUE, Round 15 Sunday 13.7.86

MELITA EAGLES — ROCKDALE ILINDEN, Melita Stadium
URUGUAYAN — SUTHERLAND, Mona Park
PENRITH CITY — MANLY WARRINGAH, Cook Park
FRESHWATER — KU-RING-GAI, Narrabeen Fitness Camp
MACEDONIA WOLL. — POLONIA, Berkely Sports Ground
FAIRY MEADOW — AVALA, Corimal Memorial Park

DIVISION II, SATURDAY 12.7.86

KINGSFORD HELLNIC — BATHURST, Kensington Oval
NTH BANKSTOWN — QUEENS PARK, Potts Park
GLADESVILLE HORNSBY — YUGAL, Pioneer Park

SUNDAY 13.7.86

CANTERBURY — DEE WHY, Black Oval
ARTARMON — LEBANON, Artarmon Reserve
CAMPBELLTOWN — BLACKTOWN, Lynnwood Park

DIVISION III, SATURDAY 12.7.86

CAMPBELLTOWN G — MOOREBANK, Bensley Road
MT. DRUITT TOWN — BONDI MARINE, Poppoendata Park
KING TOMISLAV — GRANVILLE CHILE, Croatian Sports Centre

SUNDAY 13.7.86

UNI OF NSW — NORTH RYDE RSL, Little Bay Oval
BAULKHAM HILLS — ROOTY HILL, Ted Horwood Reserve
PORT HACKING — WEST UNITED, Seymour Shaw Park

2nd & 3rd Divisions

DIVISION TWO RESULTS:

Cantebury — Lebanon 0-2;
Kingsford — Artarmon 3-3;
Campb'town — Bathurst 0-0;
Gladesville — Dee Why 1-1;
Nth Bankstown — Kingsford 1-3;
Queens Park — Yugal 1-2; Postponed
match: Yugal — Lebanon 2-1.

DIV. TWO TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GLADESV	10	2	1	36	9	22
KINGSFORD	11	1	2	29	10	21
YUGAL	9	1	3	31	15	19
NTH BANKS	6	2	5	19	11	14
Campb'town	4	5	4	19	15	13
Black Utd	4	4	5	13	12	12
Dee Why	4	4	5	9	17	12
Lebanon	4	4	5	14	26	12
Artarmon	3	4	6	12	22	10
Bathurst	3	3	7	11	20	9
Queens Park	3	1	9	14	30	7
Cantebury	2	1	10	9	34	5

DIVISION THREE RESULTS:

Gunnars — Nth Ryde RSL 2-0;
Uni NSW — Mt Druit Town 0-1;
King Tomislav — Bondi Marine 0-2;
Port Hacking — Moorebank Liverpool 1-0;
Baulkham Hills — Granville Chile 1-6;
Rooty Hill — West Uld 3-2.

DIV. THREE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CHILE	8	5	0	28	12	21
MARINE	6	5	2	20	12	17
ROOTY HILL	5	6	2	18	12	16
WEST UTD	6	3	4	19	15	15
Mt Druit	6	2	5	14	12	14
Nth Ry.RSL	7	0	6	15	19	14
C.Gunnars	6	1	6	18	13	13
T.Hacking	4	4	5	19	21	12
UNI NSW	4	3	6	13	11	11
Moore.Liv	5	1	7	14	18	11
Baulk.Hills	3	3	7	21	29	9
King.Tomislav	1	1	11	10	40	3



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The event will be an important addition to the national sport and recreation program for our bi-centennial year as well as providing a great stimulus for this rapidly growing sport in Australia.

The Sports Minister, John Brown, who also is patron of the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation, said that the support for Australia

was recognition of the Australian Federation's long-term plan for the game here and its rapid growth.

The AISF President, Joe Brent, said that although not officially decided it is likely that 16 countries will take part involving a strong contingent from South America (including defending champion Brazil), European countries, North America and Asia. At the last World Championships held in Spain in Octo-

ber 1985, Australia finished eighth.

Brent announced the establishment of an organizing committee headed by Charles Perkins. This committee will seek support of the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Bi-Centennial Authority to complement private sector funding.

Final venues have yet to be decided but it is likely matches will be played in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne in October 1988.

WATCH OUT FOR CELTICS

Practice games have been played in preparation for the start of a new season at Thomastown using the International Rules.

To date, there is a newcomer to the competition which seems to stand head and shoulders above the others.

The team goes under the name of Celtics and won their practice game 12-3. The team they defeated was last season's finalist Vasco de Gama.

This new Celtics team already bristles with talents especially Metaxas, who scored seven of the 12 goals.

Any teams interested in joining the Eliminator Centre at Thomastown please contact Dean Poropat as soon as possible on 480 3963.

Euronations, Goodonya to clash in Grand Final

Euronations 6 Split 2

EURONATIONS: J. Frangakis 7, T. Frangakis 9, C. Soteriou 8, F. Gauchi 8, C. Sferiou 7, T. Antoniadis 7.
SPLIT: N. Rausa 7, A. Pericic 8, J. Keran 7, S. Lawson 7, S. Sinkovic 7, G. Sarizikis.

Split's recent good form was sure to make this a tough encounter from the first whistle, however the magic that Split showed leading up to the finals sadly had disappeared.

Man of the match:
TERRY FRANGAKIS
(Euronations)

The Greek-sponsored Euronations took control from the word go, well led by captain Terry Frangakis who scored two blister-

ing goals giving Split's keeper Sarizikis no chance.

Frangakis could have had five goals in the first half, had he not had one disallowed on a hairline decision regarding entering the "D".

He also had two goals cleared from the line by Ragusa and Sinkovic.

Euronations' third goal came through Sferiou who

again gave the Split keeper no chance at all. The first half ended with a comfortable 3-0 lead to Euronations.

As the second half kicked off, Euronations were confronted by a more determined Split which started to show more aggression.

Goals by Pericic and Kerran for Split were quickly answered with

goals from Chris Soteriou and Fabio Gauchi, which ended all hopes of Split making the final.

Euronations, sponsored by Colossus Oil, move into their second Grand Final in as many seasons.

This time they face Goodonya in what will be an electrifying game.

The winner of this Grand Final will meet the all-conquering Eliminators in the all-centres final.

Riviera boys throw down the gauntlet to Smooth Operators

Donvale Leage Group A leaders Smooth Operators showed that they are going to be hard to toss, even by a well-drilled team like Canons.

The Operators, with only five players, put 11 goals away with five from Bisetto, four from Micheloudakas and two from Boin.

As usual they played a controlled game with Canons only managing to score three goals. Alatsas was their main scorer.

Perhaps the easiest game of the night was the one between Riviera and Disciples when the first goal came for Riviera in the first five seconds and 18 more followed.

The talents of Frank and Nick Tkalecivic and Anton Gashi were in top form and their excellent passes cut a swathe through the opposition.

Riviera, second on the

ladder, is keen to play Smooth Operators in a few weeks time to try and clinch top spot.

The battle between Kaiser Chiefs and Bonds was an interesting one and at half time the score was 3-2 in favor of the Chiefs, but at the beginning of the second half Bonds equalised through Peter Papaconstantinou.

Then a shot by Talia for Chiefs made it 4-3, but Bonds equalised again with a powerful shot from just over the half way mark by Joakim, their captain.

The Chiefs then had a battle on their hands trying to keep Peter Papaconstantinou in check but this they did while adding three more goals to their tally to win the match 7-4. The man of the match was Jim Augerinos of Kaiser Chiefs whose brilliant play helped his team to victory.

Devils climb
Red Devils have begun their climb up the ladder

from bottom spot and they now are sitting sixth after defeating Nike.

There were 12 goals scored, the bulk of them came from Harry Petoplous with a double hat-trick and a hat-trick from Koparan.

Nike's main goalscorer was Ari Katsogiannis and the Devils ran out victors 9-3. The man of the match was Frank Ljubetic for Red Devils.

Shafters
Shafters also moved up the ladder after their game against Calypos which gave them a narrow win.

Sandro Bastasin gave a fine display scoring three goals for Shafters, but just as good was Chris Katsopoulos for Calypos with his three goals and fine skills.

The man of the match came from the losing side. It was Sava Savidis, who worked his heart out to get to the ball as often as possible and create chances for

his team. The game ended in a 6-5 win for Shafters.

Foldes stars
The Group B game between newcomers Azzurri and Raiders saw a victory for the latter with hat-tricks coming from Pezaroz and Katilori.

Azzurri had impressive goalscorers in Steve Foldes (an ex-American Indoor Soccer Player) and Nick Arborea.

The team played a tight game with no fouls given away and the indoor technique soon was picked up by these two new, up and coming teams. The man of the match was Steve Foldes of Azzurri.

Rangers win
Carciolfi Rangers now are second on the ladder, below White Peles on goal average.

Their game with Split was a tight, fast and exciting one with Eliminator Silvio Sella having his goalscoring boots on.

But in the other camp, Ante Pericic with his hat-

trick made the game a great contest, especially for Rangers keeper Daniel Cesarini who was easily man of the match with his many desperate attempts to keep the ball out of his goals.

Sabbadini
White Peles in top spot took to recruiting and signed Sergio Sabbadini.

The team now has an excellent array of skilful players who obviously have adapted to indoor soccer as their win against Ethnic United showed. Ethnic United did not have enough power on the night to score those extra goals.

Nevertheless, their goals in the second half through Rozanski and Allister certainly gave the White Peles some concern as their goals were all scored in the first half and it appeared that United was making a comeback.

But time was against it and victory went to the White Peles. The man of the match was Carlo Bara-

velli for his determination and good play.

Ghosts
The first practice match for Gipsland Ghosts was no spooky affair.

The team, composed mainly of members from two families, managed to put away eight goals against the Stallions. Anthony Carafa for the Ghosts is a player defenders will have to look out for.

His five goals showed he definitely will be a top acquisition.

Another player to look out for is high flying Marchesani who also scored for the Ghosts.

Group A results: Smooth Operators 11 Canons 3, Shafters 6 Calypos 5, Kaiser Chiefs 7 Bonds 4, Red Devils 9 Nike 3, Riviera 19 Disciples 0.

Group A standings
W D L F A P
Smith Opera- 6 0 0 67 13 18
tors
Riviera 5 1 0 62 18 17

Kaiser Chiefs 5 0 1 41 21 16
Shafters 4 0 2 38 31 14
Canons 3 2 1 29 25 14
Red Devils 1 1 4 29 40 9
Nike 1 0 5 23 41 8
Calypos 1 0 5 20 43 8
Disciples 1 0 5 17 53 8
Bonds 1 0 5 20 34 8

Group B results: Carciolfi Rangers 5 Split 4, Raiders 7 Azzurri 6, White Peles 4 Ethnic United 2, Gipsland Ghosts 8 Stallions 3, Combined 11 Sweathogs 5.

Group B standings
W D L F A P
White Peles 1 1 0 7 5 5
Carci Rangers 1 1 0 8 7 5
Split 1 0 1 10 9 4
Raiders 1 0 0 7 6 3
Ethnic United 0 0 2 6 10 1
Azzurri 0 0 1 6 7 1
Gipsland Ghosts 0 0 0 0 0 0
Sweathogs 0 0 0 0 0 0
Master Blaster 0 0 0 0 0 0

Top Scorers
Group A
32 — Frank Tkalecivic (R)
26 — John Micheloudakis (SO)
20 — Sandro Bastasin (Sh)

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Bleiberg shakes up Polonia

Former Melbourne Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg took over Polonia and, with the help of new players, guided his new club to a 1-1 draw with mighty St Albans Dinamo.

Bleiberg brought with him defender Aki Kotzamis and striker Goran Trogric from Croatia. According to his wishes, Polonia also signed Gerry Bennett from George Cross, Paul Drinoczky from Juventus and Rob Nelson from Frankston Pines.



● Paul Drinoczky

Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SPRINGVALE CITY	9	5	1	21	8	23
ST ALBANS DINAMO	7	7	1	22	9	21
BOX HILL	6	6	3	26	14	18
FRANKSTON PINES	6	6	3	19	11	18
Croydon	7	3	4	26	14	17
Fawkner	7	3	4	15	9	17
West Suburbs	6	5	4	23	20	17
Morwell F	5	3	7	23	24	13
Caulfield	6	1	8	24	31	13
Thomastown	3	6	12	17	12	12
Northcote	3	5	7	22	31	11
R. Wilhelmina	4	3	8	13	33	11
Melb-Hungaria	1	7	13	26	9	9
Polonia	2	4	9	10	20	8

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0

at J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday.
MELBOURNE HUNGARIA: Kiss 8 — Szabo 5, Bird 8, Edmondson 7, S Wild 6 — Tzambazis 5, Morrey 7, Wallace 9, Debono 5, Beltsky 5, L Theodosopoulos 8. Coach: Iari McCarthy (caretaker).
FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 7 — Thurrow 5, Cumming 6, Macleod 6, Watson 5 — Ross 7 (in 80th), Cullen 7, Cooke 6 (Webster 65th), Miller 6 — Armstrong 7 (Ferre 75th), Dick 6. Coach: Danny McMinimew.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Wallace (MH), 2. Bird (MH), 1. L Theodosopoulos (MH).

NORTHCOTE 3 (P. Constantinou 12th, Toal 25th, Belegirinos 69th) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Tofari 41st) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

NORTHCOTE: Turudia 8 — Stalidis 6, Cutler 7, Bozakis 7, J. Constantinou 8 — Toro 7, Drakeford 8, Gannopoulos 6 (Belgrinos 68th) — P Constantinou 7, Toal 7, Bekaris 6. Coach: Roy McLaren.
CAULFIELD CITY: Alexandropoulos 6 — Vagias 5, Tofari 7, Brooks 6, Tsitsindis 6 (Koutos 41st), — Bitsonis 8, Theodoros 6, Taylor 7, Filippou 7 — Sahindis 6 (Wondimu 35th), Zemunik 7. Coach: Takis Svirgides.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Turudia (N), 2. Drakeford (N), 1. Bitsonis (C).

MORWELL FALCONS 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 1

(Bentley 73rd) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.
MORWELL FALCONS: Exall 7 — Simpson 7, Clarke 7 (in D. Wilson 53rd), Bruns 6, Tran 6 — E. Cassar 7 (in Bezzina 35th), O'Callaghan 5, Tull 6 — Verechka 5, Storton 5, A. Cassar 5. Coach: Dave O'Connor.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 7 — Bentley 6, G. Bannion 7, Bissinger 8, Holman 6 — J. Nelson 6, Bell 6, Deans 6, Carvey 5 (in M. Wild H.T. 7) — Athers 6, House 6.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Bell (S), 2. Bissinger (S), 1. Whiteside (C).

FAWKNER 2 (Tuffield 22nd, Cozzella 37th) THOMASTOWN 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: R. Wilson 7 — Walsh 7, Fattore 7, Schipano 7, Bordignon 8 — Sabbatino 8, Nixon 8, Gargley 7, Di Cecco 7 — Cozzella 8, Tuffield 8. Coach: Peter Boyle.
THOMASTOWN: Rapone 8 — Arcoraci 6, McMillan 5, Cosentino 5, Rainey 5 — Carfora 6, Di Martino 7, Piarato 6, Coyte 5 — Higgins 4, Flaherty 5. Coach: George McMillan.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Nixon (F), 2. Bordignon (F), 1. Rapone (T).

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (McCluskey 56th) CROYDON 1 (Humble 30th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 6 — Beattie 7, Drinoczky 7, Smallman 7, Harkins 6, Farnie 6, Stenson 6, McCuskey 7 (in S. Tanski 70th) — McGuinness 8, Tuck (in Palmancicotti 20th), Coach: Jimmy Kondis.
CROYDON: Blazby 7 — Brown 7, Tansley 6, O'Reilly 7, Beech 7 — McDonald 7, MacLean 7, Tait 7, Livingston 6 — Humble 7, French 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. McGuinness (WS), 2. French (C), 1. MacLean (C).

BOX HILL 4 (Griffin 2nd, 30th, 63rd, Davison 42nd) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McPhee 7, Davidson 8, Hennessy 8, Hird 7 — Taylor 8, Hughes 8 (Ramos 70th), Burton 8 — Gagic 6, Griffin 9, McKenna 8. Coach: Keith Webster.
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimas 6 — Russell 6, Corke 7 (Meyer 80th), Bates 7, Lange 6 — Thomson 6, Baker 6, McKinley 6 — Storm 5, Nichol 5, Bosland 5 (Wemyss 82nd), Coach: Tom Kelly.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. Griffin (BH), 2. Burton (BH), 1. Hennessy (BH).

POLONIA 1 (Wycisk 38th) St Albans Dinamo

(Rastocic 10th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.
POLONIA: Dachs 7 — Bennett 7, Kotzamis 8, P. Drinoczky 7, A. Czupnik 6 — Liparski 6 (Stewart 60th), Smolarek 7, P. Czupnik 6 (Cheruti 70th), R. Nelson 8 — Trogric 7, Wycisk 7. Coach: Miron Bleiberg.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Gic 7 — Kuzman 8, Rastocic 7, Kraljic 7, Dragovic 7 — Ramiak 5, M. Wilson 8, Rastocic 7, Culina 7 — Morovic 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.
Best three for Ametco award: 3. R. Nelson (P), 2. Kuzman (St A), 1. M. Wilson (St A).

AMETCO TRAVEL AWARD

Ametco Travel, in conjunction with VSF Travel will provide a return trip to Singapore for the 1986 State League Player of the Year.

Leading Votegetters:

- 17 — Hennessy (Box Hill), Bell (Springvale)
- 15 — Adams (Springvale)
- 14 — Dick (Pines)
- 13 — Kraljic, M. Wilson (Dinamo), Theodosopoulos (Melb), Burton (Box Hill)
- 11 — O'Callaghan (Morwell), Cozzella (Fawkner)
- 10 — Storton (Morwell), Zemunik (Caulfield), French (Croydon)



● Polonia's recruit from Croatia, Aki Kotzamis (left), trains with former Polonia player Claude Avian.

Wallace the veteran still tops

By MIKE LYNN

Melb Hungaria 0 F'ston Pines 0

Venue: J.T. Gray Reserve
Quite a bit has been written about the poor playing surface at J.T. Gray Reserve and, although the environment in which the ground is situated has been aptly titled "the day after", both sides still managed to provide an entertaining contest for the few spectators at the game.

Pines almost went ahead in the first minute when striker Richie Armstrong made a ter-

Man of the match:
JOHN WALLACE
(Melb-Hungaria)

rific surging run through the centre of Melbourne's defence. His hard left-foot shot from just inside the area was brilliantly saved by keeper Joe Kiss.

Melbourne responded five minutes later with a superb series of passes involving skipper John Bird, stopper Gerry Edmondson and midfielders Paris Tzambazis and John Wallace. The move ended with a delightful left-foot cross from Wallace that was headed over the bar by striker Robert Beltsky.

In the 30th minute Pines again should have scored when Armstrong received the ball on the left edge of the area and he turned to head the ball to the left but instead passed the ball superbly to unmarked Ally Dick. The Pines striker controlled the ball, then hit a thundering right foot shot from 10 yards straight at Kiss who managed to parry the ball for a corner.

Five minutes later Melbourne's young striker Lou Theodosopoulos displayed his great skills when he easily beat three players on the right wing and as he charged into the penalty area his right foot shot with the outside of his foot from 10 metres went narrowly past. A minute later Wallace almost stole the lead for Melbourne when he latched onto a poor back pass by Pines sweeper John Cumming but his first-time volley went over the bar.

The second half continued to provide plenty of action in both penalty areas but it was the delicate skills of John Wallace that caught the eye.

A fair amount of debate was had trying to guess the age of the Melbourne midfield veteran. The best guess put him between 35 and 40 but who cares? On this performance, if the old hamstrings don't finally pack in, Wallace could still help Melbourne stay in the State League.

Pines should have scored yet again in the 68th minute. Midfielder John Cullen made an excellent run down the left wing and his cut back cross from the back line was not clearly intercepted by Kiss. The ball fell for Dick but with his back to goal he tried a difficult turn and shot that went wide of the post. However, Stan Webster, who had just replaced Paul Cooke, was in a perfect position to score had Dick played the required simple pass.

The more the game progressed the more Pines became desperate and at times left its defence wide open.

This was particularly emphasised when Jimmy Ross was carried off 15 minutes from the end leaving Pines with only 10 players as they had previously completed both substitutions.

Drakeford the general and Turudia the cat

By JOE PALATSIDES

Northcote 3 Caulfield 1

Scorers: P. Constantinou 12th, Toal 25th, Belegirinos 69th (N); Tofari 41st (C).
Venue: John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

Mark Turudia, making his debut for Northcote after being signed from Footscray JUST for \$1,000, showed cat-like reflexes and suggested that he'll be a vital acquisition in the absence of John Giannopoulos, who has gone overseas.

Kenny Drakeford already has proven his worth to Northcote. His partnership with Bobby Toal is at times uncanny and Drakeford is the man who initiates most of Northcote's threatening forward thrusts.

Northcote first threatened Caulfield goalie Con Alexandropoulos in the 10th minute. George Bozakis played a long crossfield ball to Peter Constantinou. Theo Vagias tried to cut it out but failed to control and Constantinou's shot was tipped wide by Alexandropoulos.

Two minutes later, Northcote hit the front. Juan Toro headed a delightful ball over the head of Vagias to Peter Constantinou whose superb volley sent the ball over Alexandropoulos and into goal.

From a goalmouth scramble

Man of the match:
MARK TURUDIA
(Northcote)

In the 15th minute, the ball went to John Bitsonis but Turudia reacted well to pounce on Bitsonis's header, and Northcote went further ahead in the 25th minute when Drakeford curled the ball to the near post and Toal headed in. Alexandropoulos had stayed on his line.

Four minutes from the interval Kenny Taylor floated a free kick into the Northcote area and big Panikos Tofari rose well to head past Turudia and make it 2-1.

In the 51st minute, a Bitsonis free kick was floated into the Northcote area. Tofari and substitute Angle Koutos both went for the ball in the air. It was nodded down toward goal only to get stuck in the mud and scrambled clear for a corner.

A minute after coming on as the replacement for Alex Giannopoulos, little George Belegirinos made it 3-1. Peter Constantinou, on the right, crossed low to Chris Beklaris who touched the ball on to Belegirinos and his shot from six metres gave Alexandropoulos no chance.

Turudia made other fine saves from a Bitsonis header and shots by Tofari and Filippou while Peter Constantinou almost made it 4-1 with a fine dipping volley that went just over the Caulfield bar.



● Mark Turudia saves under pressure. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

This week

This week's Victorian State League games with likely winners in capitals:
SATURDAY

Frankston Pines v FAWKNER, at Monterey Boulevard.
ST ALBANS Dinamo v Morwell Falcons at Churchill Reserve.
Caulfield City v WESTERN SUBURBS, at Princes Park.

SUNDAY

BOX HILL v Melbourne-Hungaria at Wembley Park.
Thomastown v POLONIA, at Partridge Reserve.

SPRINGVALE CITY v Northcote City at Ross Reserve.
Ringwood Wilhelmina v CROYDON CITY at Jubilee Park.

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Leading scorers:
13 — Storton (Morwell)
11 — Morovic (Dinamo)
10 — Dick (Pines)
9 — Cozzella (Fawkner), Storm (Wilhelmina)

8 — French (Croydon)
7 — Toal (Northcote)
Griffin (Box Hill) Zemunik (Caulfield) McGuinness (Suburbs).

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Selections

VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Saturday: ALTONA GATE v Doncaster Rovers, Sunbury United v North Dandenong (draw), OAKLEIGH v Nunawading City. Sunday: Altona Rovers v BROADMEADOWS, SM. Meridale v Knox City (draw), Richmond v Murrumbidgee, WERRIBEE v Doreville.	BRUNSWICK CITY v Dingley United, Monbulk v MOSSVELL, South Dandenong v MELTON, REGENT v Monash University, Forest Hill v NORTH SUNSHINE.
DIVISION TWO Saturday: Altona City v DANEDONG City, Prahran City v Eltham (draw), Ringwood United v ESSENCE CITY, NORTH GEELONG v Hamlyn Rangers, Moreland Park Rangers v BULLHEEN, Kellie v ROYAL RICHMOND, SANDRINGHAM v Waverley City.	DIVISION THREE Saturday: Mooroolbark v Clifton Hill, BELL PARK v Coburg, Yarraville v Fernfrie Gully (draw), Springvale United v Moorabbin City (draw), ROSANNA v Port Melbourne, Prahran v Geelong (draw), YALLOURN v Corio.
DIVISION FOUR Saturday: HOLLAND PARK v Ballarat Langwarrin v Clarinda (draw), LALOR United v Brighton, Keysborough v Hawthorn, Diamond Valley v BERG BUNDOORA v Karingal United, WEST BRUNSWICK v East Brunswick PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.	DIVISION ONE Saturday: ARDEER v Clayton, East Preston v East Geelong (draw), Warrimoo v BERNICK City, Greensborough v SEAFORD UNITED, PASCOE VALE v Ivanhoe City, WILLIAMSTOWN v Central City, Geelong United v Malvern City (draw).
DIVISION TWO Saturday: CHELSEA v Cranbourne.	

Middlemast the hero

NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Middlemast 62) **RICHMOND 0**, Victorian League Division one at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Hurleston, Chiaravalle, McCombe, Remmers, Lawler, Moyle (Mullett 67), Deane, Greenwald, Middlemast, Pote.

RICHMOND: Turudica, McDonagh, Leskovic, Werner, Gooch, Cirkovic, Ferrer, Christogero, DeLuca, Weiland, Kebede (Berbia 76).

A solitary Chris Middlemast goal midway through the second half was enough to maintain Nunawading's promotion challenge in muddy conditions.

Richmond should have taken the lead in the 12th minute when Madjer kicked

straight to Kebede but the latter chose to pass instead of shooting and the danger passed.

Most of the first half chances however fell to the home side, with Deane twice going close, Hurleston having a shot tipped over by Turudica and Greenwald hitting the bar from the edge of the area after a brilliant lob over the defence by Moyle.

At the start of the second half a back pass from McCombe stuck in a muddy patch. Weiland beat Madjer to the ball but the keeper just diverted the shot for a corner.

After that Richmond got on top for 15 minutes, playing some nice football but Nunawading weathered the storm and made the decisive break in the 62nd minute.

Lawler chased a through ball into the area. His shot was parried by Turudica but the ball ran loose to Middlemast and his shot was driven home past two despairing defenders.

Nunawading had most of the play from herein with substitute Mullett prominent and Pote putting in his usual tireless display.

● **Phillip Mullett, 27**, recorded 15 years' service with Nunawading City. Phil is the first player to complete 10 years with the first team. He joined the club at the age of 12, the first year that Nunawading played in competition. He previously played for Ringwood Wilhelmia.

The son of a founder member of Nunawading, Phil represented Victoria in the 15 and 16 year age group in Hobart and Adelaide. He has been in the senior team since he was 16. Counting junior and senior games in the league and cup Phil has won the Nunawading colors over 500 times and has played in most positions.

World Cup facts

World Cup statistics:
132 goals in 52 matches, average 2.54 per game (1982 average 2.8, record average 5.3 — 1954).

● Leading individual scorer: Gary Lineker (England) 6.

● Highest team score in one match: Emilio Butragueno (Spain) 4 v Denmark.

● Highest team score in one match: Soviet Union 6 v Hungary, Denmark 6 v Uruguay.

● Highest match aggregate: 7 — Denmark 6 Uruguay 1, Belgium 4 Soviet Union 3.

● Best goalkeeping record: Carlos (Brazil) 401 minutes without conceding goal.

● Fastest goal: Emilio Butragueno (Spain) 63 seconds v Northern Ireland.

● Players sent off: 8 — Mike Sweeney (Canada), Ray Wilkins (England), Basil Gouges (Iraq), Miguel Bossio (Uruguay), Jose Batista (Uruguay), Frank Arnesen (Denmark), Thomas Berthold (West Germany), Javier Aguirre (Mexico).

All the finals

Results of the 13 World Cup finals:

1930: Uruguay 4 Argentina 2.
1934: Italy 2 Czechoslovakia 1.

1938: Italy 4 Hungary 2.
1950: Uruguay 2 Brazil 1.

1954: West Germany 3 Hungary 2.
1958: Brazil 5 Sweden 2.

1962: Brazil 3 Czechoslovakia 1.
1966: England 4 West Germany 2.

1970: Brazil 4 Italy 1.
1974: West Germany 2 Netherlands 1.

1978: Argentina 3 Netherlands 1.
1982: Italy 3 West Germany 2.

1986: Argentina 3 West Germany 2.

Goals list

The 1986 World Cup teams ranked in order of goals scored:

TEAM	GOALS
Argentina	14
France	12
Belgium	12
USSR	12
Spain	11
Denmark	10
Brazil	10
W. Germany	7
England	7
Mexico	6
Italy	6
Paraguay	4
S. Korea	4
Morocco	3
Bulgaria	2
Hungary	2
N. Ireland	2
Portugal	2
Uruguay	2
Poland	1
Algeria	1
Iraq	1
Scotland	1
Canada	0

Maradona: world's best

● **From page 3**

His time at the Spanish club was not a success as illness and the attentions of Spanish defenders meant he played just 78 games, albeit hitting 45 goals, in two seasons.

The first season Barcelona won both the Spanish and League Cups but Maradona contributed little after contracting hepatitis. He was showing traces of his best form in the 1983/84 season with a brutal tackle by Bilbao's Andoni Goikotxeeta put him out of soccer for several weeks.

The ankle eventually recovered but Maradona's morale did not. He was sent off in a local derby against Espanol and then became the central figure in the near-riot after the Spanish Cup final with Bilbao, witnessed by King Juan Carlos.

The resulting lengthy ban from domestic soccer, and the departure of Menotti after one season with Barcelona, persuaded Maradona that his future did not lie in Spain and it thus came as no surprise when he signed for Napoli in the summer of 1984.

What was surprising was the fee — about seven million dollars, a world record for a player who was well on the way to becoming a possible genius let down by his temperament, an Argentine George Best.

But his time in Napoli, where he scored 26 goals, averaging 78,000, and his appointment as Argentina's captain seem to have done the trick and it is a more mature, less selfish Maradona who thrilled the crowds in Mexico.

STATE LEAGUE:

Western Suburbs 1 Croydon City 1, Reserves 0-4, Northcote City 3 Caulfield City 1, Merwell Falcons 0 Springvale City 1, 3-1, Maribyrnong 1 St Albans 1, 1-2, Fawkner 2 Thomastown 0, 0-8, Box Hill 5, Ringwood City 0, 1-1, Melbourne 0 Frankston Pines 0, 1-7.

VIC ONE
● Mornington 1 Doreville 1, Reserves 4, 0, Nunawading City 1 Richmond 0, 3-3, Knox City 0 Oakleigh 3, 1-2, Nth Dandenong 2 SM Meridale 2, Doncaster Rovers 0, 3-3, Sunbury UTD 3, 0-0, Albion Rovers 0 Werribee 2, 2-3, Broadmeadows 2 Altona Gate 1, 1-1.

VIC TWO
● Royal Richmond 1 Waverley City 0, Reserves 1-1, Bulleen 4 Kellie 1, 5-0, Hamlyn Rangers 3 Moreland Park Rangers 0, 2-3, Essendon City 3 Nth Geelong 1, 2-0, Eltham 1 Ringwood United 0, 2-3, Altona City 0 Sandringham 3, 1-1, Dandenong City 1 Prahran City 1, 1-2.

VIC THREE
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 2, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

VIC FOUR
● Karingal Utd 1 East Brunswick 1, Reserves 2-2, Hawthorn 1 Heidelberg Bundoora 3, 4-1, Brighton 2 Keysborough 0, 0-1, Loral United 1, 4-0, Clarendon 0, 0-2, Holland Park 1 West Brunswick 2, 1-2, Ballarat 3 Langwarrin 1, 4-1, Chelsea 1.

VIC FIVE
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 0, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

VIC SIX
● Karingal Utd 1 East Brunswick 1, Reserves 2-2, Hawthorn 1 Heidelberg Bundoora 3, 4-1, Brighton 2 Keysborough 0, 0-1, Loral United 1, 4-0, Clarendon 0, 0-2, Holland Park 1 West Brunswick 2, 1-2, Ballarat 3 Langwarrin 1, 4-1, Chelsea 1.

VIC SEVEN
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 0, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

VIC EIGHT
● Karingal Utd 1 East Brunswick 1, Reserves 2-2, Hawthorn 1 Heidelberg Bundoora 3, 4-1, Brighton 2 Keysborough 0, 0-1, Loral United 1, 4-0, Clarendon 0, 0-2, Holland Park 1 West Brunswick 2, 1-2, Ballarat 3 Langwarrin 1, 4-1, Chelsea 1.

VIC NINE
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 0, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

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VIC ELEVEN
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 0, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

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VIC THIRTEEN
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 0, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

VIC FOURTEEN
● Karingal Utd 1 East Brunswick 1, Reserves 2-2, Hawthorn 1 Heidelberg Bundoora 3, 4-1, Brighton 2 Keysborough 0, 0-1, Loral United 1, 4-0, Clarendon 0, 0-2, Holland Park 1 West Brunswick 2, 1-2, Ballarat 3 Langwarrin 1, 4-1, Chelsea 1.

VIC FIFTEEN
● Geelong 2 Corio 0, Reserves 1-3, Port Melbourne 1 Prahran 0, 1-1, Moorabbin City 2 Rosanna 1, 8-1, Fernfrie Gully 3 Springvale Utd 3, 4-0, Coburg 0 Yarraville 0, 1-2, Mooroolbark 0 Yallourn 0, 2-1, Clifton Hill 1 Bell Park 3, 5-1.

VIC SIXTEEN
● Karingal Utd 1 East Brunswick 1, Reserves 2-2, Hawthorn 1 Heidelberg Bundoora 3, 4-1, Brighton 2 Keysborough 0, 0-1, Loral United 1, 4-0, Clarendon 0, 0-2, Holland Park 1 West Brunswick 2, 1-2, Ballarat 3 Langwarrin 1, 4-1, Chelsea 1.

National women's titles

The combined women's under 15 and under 17 Australian national championships will be played in Sydney from July 5 to 12.

Victoria will enter an U17 team, along with seven other teams from throughout Australia. The team line up is:

Jodie Davies 15, Ade Sarcozy 16, Melinda Marty 16, Charley James 15, Leanne Hamilton 16, (Gabor), Rachel Tolan 14, Beccy Tolan 14, Denise Wright 16 (Nth Dande), Joanne Crombie 15, Julie Boyes 14, Sandra Wain 14 (Sburry), Lorraine Kearney 16 (Mossfield).

Kathy Kiajela 14, Suzie Tansjara 14 (Footscray), Mary-Jane Kearney 14 (Mossfield).

The core of the team is the same as last year's which came fourth.

WA, NSW and Sth Qld will, again, be the main threat to Victoria. WA's players coached by Sandra Brentall (an Australian player for many years) are nearly all 16 and 17 years old and have been training since January.

NSW, a team of mostly 17 year olds, is being coached by Julie Dolan, an Australian player since 1975 and captain

four times. They have been training since April and playing against the top league teams in NSW.

Victoria's coach, Shona Bass, feels confident her team will do well. Bass, a post-graduate student in Exercise Physiology at the Philip Institute of Technology, is herself a player of considerable national standing. She has played for Victoria since 1974 and was captain four times.

She was also selected for the Australian Open Squad 1977-80 and 1985-86 and played for Australia in international competitions in 1979, 80 and 86.



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Keilor	2	1	4	12	20	5
Meadow Park	1	1	5	9	16	3
Greensborough	0	0	7	4	39	0
NTH WEST C						
Essendon City	5	0	0	22	5	10
Werribee	4	0	1	25	10	8
Ascot Vale City	4	0	2	14	9	8
Melton	3	0	3	20	19	6

Malvern Rangers	2	0	4	12	16	4
Geelong	1	0	4	7	18	?
Eltham	1	0	5	8	20	

RICHON S/L						
Malvern City	4	4	0	17	7	12
Lalor	5	2	1	20	11	12
Preston	4	3	1	15	7	11
St Albans 'A'	3	3	2	11	9	9
Nunawading Cy A	2	4	2	6	9	8
Melb Croatia	3	1	4	9	12	7
Mulgrave 'A'	2	2	3	9	11	6

North Geelong	1	3	4	13	19	5
Croydon City A	2	0	4	12	18	4
Pawker 'A'	0	2	5	8	17	2

**UNDER 16
EASTERN A**

Springvale City	6	1	1	16	8	13
Dakleigh	5	1	1	38	9	11
Heidelberg Utd	4	3	0	21	6	11
Box Hill	5	1	1	24	16	11
Malvern City	4	1	3	22	12	9
Croydon City	2	1	4	8	16	5

Dayton City	2	0	5	16	3
Clarinda	2	0	5	13	6
East Park Rngs	1	1	6	10	25
East Richmond	0	1	6	3	42
Knox City	0	0	2	0	6
EASTERN B					
Nunawading City	5	1	0	20	5
Doncaster Rvrs	4	2	1	23	8
Ballaclava	5	0	1	19	7
Seaford	3	1	1	14	6
Prahran Slavia	2	0	3	11	7
Melbourne	0	0	0	17	4

Wingrave	2	0	4	8	17	4
Lyndale	1	0	6	7	22	1
Brighton	0	0	6	2	32	0

EASTERN C

	W	D	L	F	A	PI
Ringwood City	4	2	0	16	5	10
Larigal	4	1	1	18	5	9
Woolfolk	3	2	1	14	7	8
Beaumaris	2	3	1	18	11	7
Eltham	1	1	3	15	13	3
Mornbulk	1	0	4	5	27	2

Forest Hill	0	1	3	2	17	1
NORTH WEST B						
With Geelong	6	0	1	44	4	12
Legent	5	1	1	30	9	11
Allana City	4	3	1	30	16	11
Green Gully	5	1	1	22	11	11
Morland Mdw	3	1	3	11	18	7
Diamond Creek	2	1	4	13	30	5
Latman Utd	1	1	4	10	20	3
Watsonia	0	2	5	8	37	2
Geelong Utd	0	0	6	5	28	0

NTH WEST A						
Clifton Hill	7	0	0	30	8	14
Western Suburbs	4	1	2	23	15	9
Bulleen	4	0	2	12	5	8
Preston	3	1	4	19	20	7
West Utd	3	0	3	19	12	6
Hamlyn Rangers	3	0	4	13	19	6
Boilsray	2	1	4	14	22	5
Loch Reservoir	1	2	3	10	23	4
Northcote Cy B	0	1	4	4	16	1

	RICHON S/L				
U. Juvenlus	6	0	1	24	6 12
S.G.X.	5	1	0	21	5 11
Thomastown	4	1	1	15	7 9
Waverley City	2	4	2	11	12 8
St. Melb Hellas	2	3	3	18	19 7
Althona Gate	1	3	3	6	14 5
Northcote Cy A	2	1	4	16	25 5
Waverley United	1	1	2	6	9 3
Wendleby City	1	0	4	6	11 2
Frankston Pines	0	2	4	9	24 2

UNDER 18						
RICHMOND U/18						
Clarinda	6	0	1	23	5	12
High Melb Hellas	5	1	0	32	5	11
Heidelberg Utd	5	1	1	30	12	11
U.S. Juventus	5	0	2	26	10	10
Clifton Hill	2	2	4	11	16	6
Northcote City	3	0	4	12	21	6
St Albans	2	1	4	8	21	5
West Croatia	2	5	1	12	28	5
West Brunswick	0	3	4	5	18	3

Port Melbourne	0	1	5	3	26	1
VSF U/18						
Blackleigh	8	1	0	50	10	17
Moorebark	7	0	2	23	5	14
Walsonia	6	2	1	24	8	14
Ringwood City	6	1	1	23	11	13
Caulfield City	4	1	3	22	19	9
St Dandenong	2	3	4	21	27	7
Springvale City	2	2	5	18	21	6
Geelong	3	0	5	16	25	6

... Reservoir ...	3	0	6	13	23	6
... with Dandenong ...	2	1	4	12	23	5
... Dandenong ...	2	1	6	13	26	5
... Dandenong City ...	0	0	8	6	43	0

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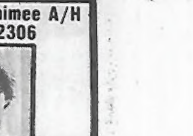
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

Brisbane City vs Green Gully

Spencer Park 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Frankston Pines vs Green Gully V.T.B.A.



PHIL WHITE



BUGSY NYSKOHUS

Adelaide City vs Brisbane Lions

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm SUNDAY

Youth Game

Nunawading City vs Fawkner V.T.B.A.

Sth Melbourne Hellas vs Footscray

J.U.S.T.

Middle Park 3pm SUNDAY *Youth Game:*

Sth Melb. Hellas vs Footscray J.U.S.T. at 12.45pm



GARRY McDOWALL



PAUL WILSON

Melbourne Croatia vs Heidelberg
Alexander

Olympic Park No. 1 3pm SUNDAY *Youth Game:*

Melb. Croatia vs Heidelberg Alexander at 12.45pm

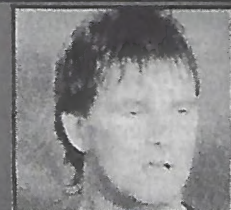
Sunshine George Cross vs Brunswick
Juventus

Chaplin Reserve 3pm SUNDAY *Youth Game:* 12.45pm

Sunshine Geo. Cross vs Brunswick Juventus



JOHN YZENDOORN



MARTIN WOODALL

Preston Makedonia vs Adelaide Hellas

Connor Reserve 3pm SUNDAY

Youth Game:

Preston vs Brighton at 12.45pm

NORTHERN DIVISION

Wollongong vs Blacktown
at Wollongong Showgrounds 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney Olympic vs Inter Monaro
at Pratten Park 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney Croatia vs Newcastle Rosebud
at Croatian Sports Centre 3pm SUNDAY

Canberra Olympians vs Canterbury M'ville
at Bruce Stadium 3pm SUNDAY

A.P.I.A. Leichhardt vs St George
at Lambert Park 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney City vs Marconi
at Sydney Athletic Field 3pm SUNDAY

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